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PREFACE.

THE gratifying reception given to the first number of the CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK, and the desirableness of having such an annual *exhibit* of all our Denominational Agencies and Institutions as the Year Book presents, makes it henceforth a denominational necessity. The record of a year's work, and of the men engaged in doing it, seems to us who are living and moving among them, and therefore familiar with all its details, of comparatively trifling importance. But so rapidly do these years revolve, that not many of them can pass before all of us—actors and spectators alike—shall have ceased to have “any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun,” and to them who come after us such records as are here furnished will be exceedingly interesting and valuable.

A Canadian Year Book, moreover, is also much needed as a means of diffusing information in regard to the Denomination at large. Congregationalism in the Dominion is as yet in its infancy. In comparison with some of the other religious bodies, we are “a feeble folk,” and our churches are few and scattered. Such a condition of things is dispiriting, and needs to be counteracted by a better acquaintance, not alone with the principles of the Denomination, but also with the strength and position of the body in Great Britain and the United States. Much information on these points may be found in these pages. At the same time, it is earnestly to be hoped that our love of Congregationalism is something altogether independent of our numbers, be they many or few.

We regret that the hope expressed last year, in regard to the earlier issuing of this year's volume, has not been realized. The change of editor, the impossibility of completing one of the reports through the absence of its Secretary from the country, and other causes, have unavoidably delayed its appearance long after the time intended. All this we hope, however, to obviate another year. We also regret that, owing to causes which need not be particularly specified, it has been impossible to furnish more than one of the historical sketches promised for the present volume by the late editor, that viz., by Dr. Cornish, which will be found to be a very valuable and interesting paper on the last decade of the College, which is much indebted to his services as one of its Professors and its Secretary. The others we hope to furnish next year.

There is, however, a gratifying improvement in the appearance of this volume, chiefly in the uniformity of the typography, the consecutive numbering of its pages, and in the style in which the subscription lists are published. We can only express the hope that friends will excuse the faults and shortcomings, and “read and circulate.”

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CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR, OCTOBER, 1874, TO SEPTEMBER, 1875.

[Past Events in Roman characters.—Appointments for Current Year in Italics.]

OCTOBER, 1874—31 DAYS.

1	TH	Rev. Dr. Wilkes, pastor, Mont'l, 36.
2	F	[Meeting of Ev. Alli. Mon'l. '74.
3	S	Rev. J. Armour died, 1870. [1858.
4	S	Univ. of Toronto, top stone laid,
5	M	
6	TU	David Brainerd died, 1747. [1873.
7	W	Rev. H. Sanders recog. Hamilton,
8	TH	Great Fire in Chicago, 1871.
9	F	
10	S	Intercolonial Confer'nce, Que., 64.
11	S	Zuinglius slain, 1531.
12	M	Savoy Confession published, 1658 ;
13	TU	[Americadis'd by Columbus 1492.
14	W	
15	TH	Ottawa Church dedicated 1862.
16	F	Ridley and Latimer burnt, 1555.
17	S	C. C. Indian Mis. Soc. org'd. 60—
18	S	[Rev. W. W. Smith ord., 1865, Lis-
19	M	Rev. Dr. Lillie died. 1869. [towel.
20	TU	[1873.
21	W	Prov. S. S. Convention, Toronto,
22	TH	Vespra Church dedicated, 1871.
23	F	Earl of Derby died, 1869.
24	S	Edict of Nantes revoked, 1685.
25	S	Charge of Light Brigade, 1854.
26	M	Dr. Doddridge died, 1761.
27	TU	Servetus burnt, 1553.
28	W	Alfred the Great died, 900.
29	TH	[1864.
30	F	Peace between Austria & Prussia,
31	S	Five Mile Act, 1665.

NOVEMBER, 1874—30 DAYS.

1	S	Rev. P. Shanks died, 1873.
2	M	Insurrection in Lower Canada, '38.
3	TU	Henry VIII. Head of Church 1534.
4	W	London Miss. Soc. formed, 1794.
5	TH	Rev. Duncan McGregor ord. 1872.
6	F	Princess Charlotte died, 1817.
7	S	Rev. F. H. Marling ord. '49, Mont'l.
8	S	Milton died, 1674.
9	M	Prince of Wales born, 1841.
10	TU	Martin Luther born, 1483.
11	W	Cong. Ch., Danville, formed, 1832.
12	TH	
13	F	Synod of Dort, 1618. [1708.
14	S	
15	S	W. Pitt, Earl of Chatham, born
16	M	[al Council org., Oberlin, 1871.
17	TU	Q. Mary died 1558—Cong. Nation-
18	W	[1830.
19	TH	John Williams kill'd at Erromaga,
20	F	Brantford new church dedi. 1865.
21	S	Napoleon elected Emp. 1852.
22	S	
23	M	Cong. Ch., Toronto, formed, 1834.
24	TU	John Knox died, 1572.
25	W	Sir H. Havelock died, 1857.
26	TH	Isaac Watts died, 1748.
27	F	
28	S	Rev. J. I. Hindley installed, Owen
29	S	[Sound, 1873—Rev. J. Middle-
30	M	[ton died, 1873.

DECEMBER, 1874—31 DAYS.

1	TU	Rev. A. Burpee died, 1857.
2	W	Rev. W. Macalister died, 1866.
3	TH	James II. abdicated, 1688.
4	F	Council of Trent closed, 1563.
5	S	English Transl. of Bible, 1611.
6	S	
7	M	Rebels defeated, Toronto, 1837.
8	TU	Richard Baxter died, 1691. [1856.
9	W	Eng. Cathedral burnt, Montreal,
10	TH	
11	F	
12	S	[Bond St. Ch., Tor'nto, ded. 1863.
13	S	Council of Trent opened, 1545--
14	M	Prince Albert died, 1861.
15	TU	
16	W	Cromwell made Protector, 1653.
17	TH	Beethoven born, 1770.
18	F	
19	S	Fergus Ch. dedicated, 1869. [1827.
20	S	Canada Ed. and H. M. formed,
21	M	Shortest day. [mouth, 1620.
22	TU	Landing of Pilgrim Fathers, Ply-
23	W	Peace bet. Eng. and U. S., 1814.
24	TH	
25	F	<i>Christmas Day.</i>
26	S	
27	S	[rafraxa new Ch. ded., 1868.
28	M	Post Office established, 1560—Ga-
29	TU	Rev. Algernon Wells died, 1850.
30	W	The Pretender died, 1715. [1775.
31	TH	Montgomery repulsed, Quebec,

JANUARY, 1875—31 DAYS.

1	F	Disestablishment Irish Ch., 1871.
2	S	Northern Church, Toronto, form-
3	S	[ed, 1868.
4	M	<i>Week of Prayer begins.</i>
5	TU	
6	W	Diet at Worms, 1510.
7	TH	Watford Church dedicated, 1870.
8	F	[born 1864.
9	S	Prince Albert Victor, of Wales,
10	S	Penny Post in England, 1840.
11	M	[Northern Ch., Toronto, ded. 1868.
12	TU	Sir C. Bagot, Gov.-General, 1842—
13	W	The London Times Estab., 1785.
14	TH	Hampton Court Conf. beg'n, 1604.
15	F	Guelph New Church ded., 1868.
16	S	Douglas Ch. ded., 1870. [berry.
17	S	Rev. B. W. Day ord., 1862, Turn-
18	M	Kg. Wm. of Prussia, procl'd Emp.
19	TU	First Eng. Parliam't, 1256. [1871.
20	W	U. S. Indep. acknowledged, 1783.
21	TH	Vaccination introduced, 1799.
22	F	
23	S	
24	S	[Sunday Schools establish'd, 1784.
25	M	Stratford new Ch. opened, 1874.
26	TU	Canada P. O. Money Order, 1855.
27	W	Ospringe Church dedicated, 1861.
28	TH	<i>Central Association meets, Toronto.</i>
29	F	George III. died, 1820.
30	S	King Charles I. beheaded, 1641.
31	S	Warwick new Church ded., 1869.

FEBRUARY, 1875—28 DAYS.

1	M	Egyptian Railway opened, 1870.
2	Tu	
3	W	Spanish Inquisition abol'd, 1813.
4	Th	Roger, 1st Mart. under Mary burnt
5	F	Dr. J. Pye Smith, di'd, 1851. [1555.
6	S	Rev. W. Clarke's "Golden Wed-
7	S	Dickens born, 1812. [ding," 1873.
8	M	Rev. D. Dyer died, 1870.
9	Tu	Western Assoc. meets, Brantford.
10	W	
11	Th	Lord Sydenham, Gov.-Gen., 1840.
12	F	Lady Jane Grey beheaded, 1554.
13	S	Rev. J. Brown ord., 1862.
14	S	Charles II.
15	M	Pope driven from Rome, 1798.
16	Tu	Rev. J. Wood ordained 1853.
17	W	
18	Th	Canada settled by French, 1534—
19	F	Rev. T. Pullar died, 1873. [1823.
20	S	Tithes abolished in Up'r Canada,
21	S	The 92 Resolut's pass'd Parl. of L.
22	M	Rev. C. Pedley died, 1872. [C., '34.
23	Tu	Louis Philippe abdicated, 1848.
24	W	Revolution in Paris, 1848—Rev.
25	Th	[T. Binney died, 1874.
26	F	Napoleon Escaped from Elba.
27	S	
28	S	Vankleekhill Ch. formed, 1864.

MARCH, 1875—31 DAYS.

1	M	Rev. J. L. Stevens killed, 1874.
2	Tu	John Robinson died, 1625.—Wes-
3		[ley died 1791.
4	Th	
5	F	James I. enforces Uniformity
6	S	Rev. R. Miles died, 1855. [1603-4.
7	S	B. & F. Bible Society estab., 1804.
8	M	
9	Tu	Kingston Cong. Ch. formed, 1849.
10	W	Rev. J. Allworth ord., B'ville, '74.
11	Th	Cong. Ch., Ottawa, formed, 1860.
12	F	Kingston new Church ded., 1865.
13	S	Liverpool, N.S., new Ch. ded. '70.
14	S	Victor Emmanuel born, 1820.
15	M	R. Chart'r to Univ. Toronto, 1827.
16	Tu	Recp'y Treaty rat'd, E. & U.S. '55.
17	W	New Church, Manilla, def. 1861—
18	Th	[Church formed Halifax, 1869.
19	F	Suez Canal completed, 1869.
20	S	
21	S	Spring begins.
22	M	Massawippi Church ded., 1862.
23	Tu	Mr G. Arthur, Lieut.-Gov., U.C.
24	W	Queen Elizabeth died, 1603. [1838.
25	Th	[Danville, Q., 1873.
26	F	Rev. G. T. Colwell, installed,
27	S	Rev. J. L. Poore died, 1867.
28	S	Canada ceded to France, 1632.
29	M	Test Act passed, 1673.
30	Tu	Lord Metcalfe, Gov.-Gen., 1843.
31	W	Haydn, composer, born, 1732.

APRIL 1875—30 DAYS.

1	Th	
2	F	John Howe died, 1705.
3	S	
4	S	[Raikes died, 1811.
5	M	Canada discovered, 1499—Robert
6	Tu	Rev. D. Dunkerley died, 1873.
7	W	Prince Leopold born, 1853.
8	Th	Hudson's Bay Co. formed, 1692.
9	F	Episcopacy & Liturgy abol., 1641.
10	S	Clergy Reserve Bill passed, 1853—
11	S	[Zion Ch. reopened, Mont., 1868.
12	M	Bombard't Fort Sumpter, 1861—
13	Tu	[Catholic Emanci'n, Eng., 1829.
14	W	Abrah. Lincoln assassina'd, 1865.
15	Th	Savoy Conference, 1661.
16	F	Rev. Hiram Wilson died, 1864.
17	S	
18	S	Rev. J. Porter died, 1874.
19	M	Bond St. Ch., Toronto formed, '49.
20	Tu	Lg. Parlia't diss. by Cromwell '53.
21	W	Cromwell procl'd protector, 1653.
22	Th	Wordsworth died, 1850.
23	F	St. George.
24	S	Earl Cathcart, Gov.-Gen., 1824.
25	S	
26	M	[1813.
27	Tu	Toronto captur'd—Battle of York.
28	W	Test Act Repealed, 1828.
29	Th	
30	F	Puritans forbidden to emigrate.
		[1637.

MAY, 1875—31 DAYS.

1	S	Prince Arthur born, 1850.
2	S	Rev. W. Williams ordained, 1871.
3	M	Jamaica discovered, 1494.
4	Tu	[Fergus Church formed, 1869.
5	W	Book of Sports burned, 1643.
6	Th	Rev. D. D. Nighswander ord., '73.
7	F	Eliz'h put down relig. exer. 1577.
8	S	Cong. Union, Eng., form'd, 1832—
9	S	[Rev. J. Gray ord. 1863, Chebogue
10	M	Rev. C. Chapman instll'd, Mon-
11	Tu	[treal, 1871.
12	W	Puritans sailed for Massachusetts,
13	Th	Col. Mis. Soc. estab., 1836. [1629.
14	F	Garibaldi proclaimed Dictator of
15	S	[Sicily, 1860.
16	S	
17	M	[ships Associatn meets, Danville.
18	Tu	Montreal founded, 1642—E. Town-
19	W	Act of Uniformity, royal assent,
20	Th	Columbus died, 1506. [1662.
21	F	Confed. B.N.A. procl'd, 1867.
22	S	Solemn League & Covenant burnt,
23	S	[1661.
24	M	Queen Victoria born, 1819. [1615.
25	Tu	1st R. C. Priests settle in Canada.
26	W	Rev. R. W. Wallace ord., 1872,
27	Th	Calvin died, 1564. [London.
28	F	Penry martyred, 1593.
29	S	Rev. J. R. Kean ord., 1862, Corn
30	S	Alex. Pope died, 1744. [wallis.
31	M	Dr. Chalmers died, 1847.

JUNE, 1875—30 DAYS.

1	TU	Kelvin Ch. dedicated, 1862.
2	W	Fenian Skirmish, Ridgeway, 1866.
3	TH	Cobden born, 1804.
4	F	
5	S	[Robinson sent to Indians, 1873.
6	S	Gavazzi Riots, Qbc., '53—Rev. R.
7	M	Rev. J. Melvin died, 1873.
8	TU	1st settlers Yarmouth, N.S. 1761.
9	W	Cong. Union O. & Q. meets at Ham- [ilton.
10	TH	
11	F	Rv. J. Griffith ord. '73, Cobg. [1859.
12	S	New Cong. Ch., Hamilton, ded.
13	S	Rev. D. Murdoch, D.D., died, '61.
14	M	Nat. Cong. Council, Boston, 1865.
15	TU	Mag. Char. sign'd 1215. [Vk. Hill.
16	W	Rev. W. M. Peacock ord., 1869.
17	TH	Wesley born, 1703.
18	F	Owen Sound new Ch. ded., 1871.
19	S	
20	S	Accession of Q. Vict., 1837. [1764.
21	M	Que. Gaz. 1st newsp. pub. in Can.
22	TU	Dissent. adm. to Oxford Un. 1859.
23	W	H. B. Co's ter. ced'd to Can., 1870.
24	TH	Newfoundl'd disc. by Cabot, 1497.
25	F	Schism Bill, 1714.
26	S	Rev. E. D. Silcox ord. 1873, Oro.
27	S	Cong. Ch. Meaford, formed 1860.
28	M	Coronat'n of Queen Vict., 1838.
29	TU	St. Peter.
30	W	Conventicle Act, 1663.

JULY, 1875—31 DAYS.

1	TH	Dom. Day—Canada Confed. 1867.
2	F	
3	S	Battle of Sadowa, 1866.
4	S	American Independence, 1776.
5	M	
6	TU	
7	W	John Huss burnt, 1415.
8	TH	[bited, 1793.
9	F	Import. Slaves to Canada probi-
10	S	Calvin born, 1509—Rev. W. Man- chee inst., Guelph, 1873.]
11	S	
12	M	
13	TU	London S. S. Union estab., 1803.
14	W	Church Rates abolished, 1868.
15	TH	Rev. T. Lightbody died, 1871.
16	F	Hegira; Mohammed, 622.
17	S	Dr. Watts born, 1674.
18	S	Rev. J. A. R. Dickson ord., 1865, [London, Ont.
19	M	
20	TU	
21	W	Spanish Armada defeated, 1588.
22	TH	Pilg. Fathers sailed Delft, 1620.
23	F	
24	S	1st No. Can. Indept. pub. 1854.
25	S	Oro Church ded. 1869.
26	M	Jews admitted to Parliamt. 1858.
27	TU	Mr. J. Nasmith died, 1874.
28	W	Zion Ch., Montreal, burnt, 1867.
29	TH	Atlantic Tele. Cable laid, 1866.
30	F	First Eng. Newspaper 'pub. 1588.
31	S	Prince of Wales visit America, '60.

AUGUST, 1875—31 DAYS.

1	S	Emanc. Slaves, British Dom., '34.
2	M	
3	TU	Columbus' First Voyage, 1492.
4	W	
5	TH	Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Sou- [thampton, 1620.
6	F	
7	S	Atlantic Telegraph laid, 1867.
8	S	
9	M	Greenwich Observ. Estab., 1675
10	TU	Rev. G. Stirling died, 1870.
11	W	
12	TH	
13	F	Jeremy Taylor died, 1667.
14	S	Brantford Church burned, 1864.
15	S	
16	M	Andrew Marvel died, 1678.
17	TU	Farewell Sermons, 2000 Ejected [Clergy, 1662.
18	W	
19	TH	
20	F	
21	S	Prince of Wales at Quebec, 1860.
22	S	Brigham Church ded., 1872.
23	M	
24	TU	"Black Bartholomew," France, [1572; England, 1662.
25	W	
26	TH	Albert the Good born, 1819.
27	F	
28	S	
29	S	
30	M	[B. Bucher died, 1866.
31	TU	John Bunion died, 1688—Rev. G.

SEPTEMBER, 1875—30 DAYS.

1	W	"Cong. Academy opened, To-
2	TH	Rev. J. Roaf died, 1862. [ronto, '40.
3	F	Oliver Cromwell died, 1658. [1822.
4	S	Cong. Ch. org., Margaree, C.B.,
5	S	New Style introduced, 1752.
6	M	Rev. W. Hayden died, 1865.
7	TU	
8	W	Fall of Sebastopol, 1855.
9	TH	Rev. M. C. Williams ord., 1873.
10	F	Cong. Un. N.S. & N.B. meets, Brook-
11	S	Mahomet born, 569. [lyn, N.S.
12	S	[1759.
13	M	Quebec taken, Gen. Wolfe died,
14	TU	Moscow burnt, 1812.
15	W	Pine Grove Ch. dedicated, 1867.
16	TH	Rev. R. McGregor died, 1864.
17	F	Rev. J. Robertson died, 1861.
18	S	
19	S	Forest Church formed.
20	M	Fall of Pope's Temp. Power, '70.
21	TU	Dr. Wilkes' Inaug. Lect., Cong. [College, 1870.
22	W	
23	TH	
24	F	Rev. H. Milman died '68.
25	S	
26	S	Zion Ch. Toronto, ded., 1856.
27	M	"Society of Jesus" formed 1540.
28	TU	Rev. J. Forsyth died, 1866.
29	W	William Conqueror landed, 1066.
30	TH	Whitfield died, 1770.

OFFICIAL LIST, 1874-5.

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The Union will meet in Hamilton, Wednesday, June 9th, 1875, 7.30 p.m.

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF 1874.

We present, in the Appendix, the Minutes of the Annual Meetings of the Congregational Unions of Ontario and Quebec, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Reports of the several Denominational Societies connected therewith. The former of these were held in Toronto, June 10th-16th, and were largely attended, and full of interest. For the first time, the Chairman's Retiring Address took the place of a sermon, at the opening session. The theme chosen by Mr. Barker—that of Christian Union—was both timely and important, and the spirit in which it was discussed, was excellent. Considerable difference of opinion existed, however, as to how far organic union was desirable, or attainable at present. Its vote of thanks to Mr. Barker for his Address, published in the Minutes, defines very clearly the position of the Union on this question.

The Rev. Joseph Unsworth, of Georgetown, Ont, was elected Chairman for 1874-5 and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, Secretary, *vice* Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, resigned.

Papers were read by Rev. W. F. Clarke, on "The introduction of Ministers to our Body;" and by the Rev. J. Wood, on "The Scriptural terms of admission to Baptism."

The address by the Rev. Mr. Fenwick, on "Revivals in 1874," and also that by Mr. Robt. McKay, recently from the scene of the great Scottish awakening, were of very great interest and value. May the desire they prompted for such seasons of refreshing, in Canada, be abundantly realized! Those by the Rev. H. Sanders, of Hamilton, and the Rev. J. Fraser, on "The Ministry for the Times," and "The Church for the Times," were also most effective.

The address of Mr. C. H. Brooks, and his prospective departure to Turkey, as the first Missionary of the Canadian churches, in connection with the A. B. C. F. Mission, also added much interest to the occasion. The proposal "to make his maintenance the special charge of the Congregational Churches in Canada," was "heartily approved" by the Union.

The action of the C. C. Missionary Society, and the *Canadian Independent Publishing Company*, in appointing the Rev. J. Wood to the position of Home Missionary Superintendent, and Editor of the Magazine and Year Book, was felt to be a most important step in the right direction. Mr. Wood has accepted the appointment, and has relinquished his pastoral charge at Brantford, which he has held for nearly twenty-two years.

We commend the appended Reports to the careful perusal of all our readers.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The following is the Minute adopted June 10th, and endorsed by the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, June 11th, in regard to the appointment of Mr. Wood as Superintendent of Home Missions and Editor of the *Canadian Independent*.

This Company, having been required, through the resignation of the Editorship by Rev. S. N. Jackson, to consider their future course, submit the following proposal to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, and to the other denominational organizations for general purposes, with a view to action at these Annual Meetings.

It seems to them, that the time has come, when some one minister of the body should be set apart to the general service of the Churches, being released from pastoral engagements, and supported by the Societies he serves, in proportion to the amount of work done for each. He should reside at Toronto, and have a salary of not less than \$1,200.

On behalf of this Company, he would,

1. Edit the Magazine and Year Book ;
2. Conduct the Business office of the same ; and
3. Manage a " Congregational Book Room " for denominational literature of every kind, at first, on a moderate scale, probably in a room in his own house or inexpensive office. The Company are prepared to devote for this purpose \$400 a year.

On behalf of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, he would,

1. Act as Home Secretary—adding to the present duties of that office the much needed services of :
2. The exploration of New Fields ;
3. The visitation of Vacant Churches, and others where special assistance might be required ;
4. The Introduction of Ministers to new spheres ;
5. And other like functions.

Such service we estimate to be worth to the Society fully \$600 per annum, part of which might be made good by the Churches receiving supply, who should also pay travelling expenses.

In support of this proposal, the following considerations are urged by the Company.

1. So far as concerns their own undertaking, during the whole twenty years of the publication of the periodical, they have been compelled to ask the editorial services of pastors of Churches, and *in each case*, whether the work was done at London, Toronto (Bond Street), Bowmanville, Brantford, or Toronto (Zion), the pastor has found the work to interfere so seriously with his pastoral engagements, that he has resigned the editorship, while in three instances remonstrances were directly adopted by the Churches themselves !

Again, in relation to the business management of the magazine, while the routine of office duty is carefully performed by the present publisher, it is evident that one in constant communication with the Churches, in person and by correspondence, could *push* the circulation, as it so greatly needs pushing, in every part of the country.

And once more :—The Book Room is a want that has often been pointed out in our general arrangements.

2. As to the Missionary Society, the new work here indicated has been recognised as a clamant necessity for years past. It is not proposed in the least to supersede the invaluable District Committees, but to do a work in co-operation with them, which they confessedly have not been able to do.

3. If it were necessary, in order to provide the support of such an officer,

the other general organizations might avail themselves of his services, and render a proportionate compensation for the same. But the magazine and the mission would give ample employment to a vigorous man.

4. The experience of other religious bodies on the same field shows that such an officer is needed, though the range of his duties may vary. Thus, in every Synod of the Episcopal Church, there is a paid Secretary; the Kirk of Scotland and the Canadian Presbyterian Church have each a general Agent and Editor; the Wesleyan Church has a Book-room Steward, an Editor, two Stipendiary Missionary Secretaries, and other special agents; the Primitive, New Connexion, and Episcopal Methodists, and the Bible Christians, have each an Editor and Book Steward, who, in the first instance, at least, is also Missionary Secretary; and the Baptists recently appointed a General Missionary Superintendent, who was already editor, with the assistance of a second minister in the latter capacity.

There is no doubt that we have suffered greatly from having had to *borrow* such services from the pastors of Churches.

ACTS OF INCORPORATION OF OUR SEVERAL DENOMINATIONAL SOCIETIES.

As Documents of permanent historical value, and for convenient reference, we insert together in this volume of the Year Book, these several Acts of Incorporation, with any Amendments that may have been made in them, up to the present year.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Is a voluntary association of churches and ministers, each member being received separately, on application, and on complying with the requirements of the standing rules. Membership in it is not necessary to the "good and regular standing" of any minister or church, but it is an acknowledged advantage.

The Union exercises no authority over the churches or ministers connected with it—its power is simply *advisory*. The only cases in which it seems to exercise anything like "discipline," are those in which it decides, like all voluntary associations, who shall be received and retained in *its own membership*.

The annual meeting furnishes a most enjoyable, helpful, and quite indispensable opportunity for ministers and delegates to meet together in Christian fellowship. It enables us, by the collection of statistics, and written or verbal narratives, to "know our brethren's affairs, and how they do." It also affords facilities for taking counsel together on our general movements, and in respect to great public questions. It is a channel of intercommunication with Christian brethren elsewhere. The Missionary Societies, College, Provident Fund, and Magazine, have all grown out of the Union.

THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This is a home mission for aiding our own weaker churches in sustaining their pastors.

It co-operates with the Colonial Missionary Society of London, England, the foster-mother of Congregationalism in the British dependencies, from whom it receives annually a grant of about \$2,000.

All subscribers of one dollar per annum to the funds are members. Subscribers of twenty dollars at one time are constituted thereby life members. The Society meets annually, at the same time and place as the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. Its affairs are managed by a General Secretary-Treasurer, a Home Secretary, and a Committee of not less than fifteen. The grants for the ensuing year are made during the sessions of the Union. The five District Committees—three for Ontario, one for Quebec, and one for N. S. and N. B., have charge of its affairs, within their own bounds, during the interval between the annual meetings. We give below the Act of Incorporation.

“An Act to Incorporate ‘The Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

“WHEREAS, by the petition of the Reverend F. H. Marling on behalf of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, it is amongst other things set forth that that Society has been for many years in existence, having for its object to aid feeble Congregational churches in sustaining their ministers; to spread the Gospel by means of missionaries, and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body; that the members of the Society are the persons subscribing to its funds; that the terms of membership and the operations and management of the Society are regulated by a constitution adopted by the members as amended at the annual meeting of the Society at Hamilton, in June, 1868; that the law of this Province makes no provision for the holding or disposing of property held by trustees under the Act respecting religious institutions in Upper Canada in the case of churches or congregations ceasing to exist; and that provision would be made by the Congregational Union of Canada in the trust deeds of the property of Congregational churches for the management of such property by the said Society in the event of any such church ceasing to exist, if the Society had the necessary corporate powers; and it is prayed that an Act may be passed incorporating the persons hereinafter named who form the general committee of the said Society, and the other members of the said Society by the name of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; And whereas it is expedient to grant the said petition:

“Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

“1. The Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., the Rev. W. F. Clarke, the Rev. John Wood, the Rev. F. H. Marling, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, the Rev. H. D. Powis, the Rev. Archibald Duff, the Rev. S. G. Dodd, the Rev. Charles Chapman, Henry Cox, Thomas Edgar, Joseph Barber, W. C. Ashdown, C. Lawes, James Baylis, Robert Freeland, J. McNichol, and all other persons associated with them or who may hereafter be associated with them or with each other as members of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society under the provisions of the constitution in the preamble mentioned, as it now exists or as it may at any time hereafter be amended by the said Society, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of ‘The Canada Congregational Missionary Society.’

“2. The objects of the said Corporation shall be the same as expressed in the said constitution as it now exists or as it may be amended as aforesaid.

“3. The affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted and administered by the general committee appointed as provided by the constitution, who shall exercise all the corporate powers of the corporation.

“4. The body incorporated by this Act may from time to time and at all times,

acquire and hold as purchasers any interest in lands and tenements, and the same alienate, lease, mortgage and dispose of, and purchase others in their stead : Provided always, and it is enacted, that the said corporation shall at no time acquire or hold as purchasers any lands or tenements or interest therein, exceeding in whole at any one time the annual value of five thousand dollars, nor otherwise than for their actual use or occupation, for the purposes of the said corporation : And it is further enacted, that the said corporation may, by the name aforesaid, from time to time, take or hold by gift, devise or bequest any lands or tenements, or interests therein, if such gift, devise or bequest be made at least six months before the death of the person making the same ; but the said corporation shall at no time take or hold by any gift, devise or bequest, so as that the annual value of any lands or tenements, or interest therein, so to be taken or held by gift, devise or bequest, shall at any one time in the whole exceed the annual value of one thousand dollars ; and no lands or tenements, or interests therein acquired by gift, devise or bequest, shall be held by the said corporation for a longer period than seven years after the acquisition thereof, and within such period they shall respectively be absolutely disposed of by the said corporation, so that it no longer retain any interest therein ; and the proceeds on such disposition shall be invested in public securities, municipal debentures, or other approved securities, not including mortgages, for the use of the said corporation ; and such lands, tenements or interests therein, or such thereof which may not, within the said period, have been so disposed of, shall revert to the person from whom the same was acquired, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

“ 5. The said corporation shall, whenever required by the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, make a full return to the Legislature of its property, real and personal, and of its receipts and expenditure, and of any other facts or particulars which the Lieutenant-Governor may require.”

This Act was formally accepted, and the Society organized, in accordance with its provisions, at its Annual Meeting in Brantford, on Thursday, June 5th, 1873, by the adoption of the following resolution :—

“ That this meeting hereby accept the Act of the Legislature of Ontario, and declare the Society under the name of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, based upon and organized according to its provisions, and that all the proceedings of this Annual Meeting are conducted upon this new basis and position.”

THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

This is an Institution for the training of young men for the ministry. Its seat is in Montreal, where it is provided with a lecture-room in Zion Church. The students board in private families. It is managed by a Board chosen by the subscribers at the annual meeting. For literary instruction, the students attend McGill College, with which this College is duly “affiliated.” The full course is five years ; the Theological course, three years. The College is sustained partly by an annual grant from the Colonial Missionary Society, and partly by contributions from the Canadian Churches. An endowment of \$40,000 for the Chair of Theology is now being secured. The following is the Act of Incorporation :

“ An Act to Incorporate the Congregational College of British North America.

“ Whereas the Reverend Henry Wilkes, Doctor of Divinity, the Reverend George Cornish, Master of Arts, and William R. Hibbard, Charles Alexander, John Dougall, and Charles R. Black, Esquires, have by their petition set forth that they and others have, for many years past, been associated for the maintenance of an Institution for the training of young men for the Christian Ministry, in connection with the Congregational Denomination of Christians, under the name of the Con-

gregational College of British North America ; that the said Institution is about to be removed to Montreal ; and that it would greatly promote the efficiency thereof, that it should there be affiliated to the McGill University, in order to which it must be incorporated; and whereas they therefore pray for the incorporation thereof by the name aforesaid, and under the conditions hereinafter set forth ; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :—

“1. The said Henry Wilkes, George Cornish, William R. Hibbard, Charles Alexander, John Dougall, Charles R. Black, and all other persons who are now associated with them for the purpose aforesaid, or who may by virtue of this Act replace or join them for such purpose, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of ‘The Congregational College of British North America.’

“2. The said Corporation may acquire by any legal title, and may hold, any real estate required for its actual use and occupation ; and may at any time dispose thereof, and acquire other instead thereof ; but it shall not acquire or hold any real estate whatever, not required for such its actual use and occupation.

“3. No bequest in favour of the said Corporation shall be valid, unless made at least six months before the death of the person making the same.

“4. All the revenues of the Corporation, from whatever source derived, shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance thereof, and the furtherance of the object aforesaid, namely, the training of young men for the Christian Ministry in connection with the Congregational Denomination of Christians, and to no other purpose whatever.

“5. The said Corporation shall have power to administer their affairs by such and so many Directors and Officers, and under such restrictions touching their powers and duties as by By-law in that behalf they may from time to time ordain ; and they may assign to any of such Officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite ; and generally, they may from time to time make all such By-laws as they may deem requisite, for the due ordering of their affairs, and may from time to time amend or repeal the same.

“6. The said Congregational College of British North America may, at any time, become affiliated to the McGill University, upon such terms as the said University and the said Corporation hereby created may agree upon.

“7. The said Corporation shall at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor, or either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, real and personal, and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period, and with such details and other information as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require.

“8. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.”

The above Act having been submitted to the Annual Meeting of the subscribers to the College, held in Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, on Friday, June 9th, 1865, it was unanimously *Resolved*, “That the said Act to incorporate is hereby accepted and adopted, and the body of subscribers to the Congregational College of B. N. A. is now organized under its provisions.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK

fulfils, within its territory, all the purposes of the Sister Union of Ontario and Quebec. It has permanent funds invested for Home Missionary purposes, and is a legal Corporation. It has two Acts of Incorporation, viz. :—

AN ACT to Incorporate the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, so far as relates to the Province of Nova Scotia, passed the 31st day of March, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. The Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. George Stirling, the Rev. James Howell, the Rev. George Ritchie, the Rev. Geo. A. Rawson, and T. B. C. Burpee, T. B. Barker, F. H. Hilton, Edward Hiram Freeman, and such other persons as shall become members of the Society hereby constituted by the name of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, shall by that name be, and they are hereby created a Body Politic and Corporate.

2. The Corporation may hold real estate for the purpose of missionary operations, educating young men for the ministry, or sustaining weak churches in connection with the Congregational body of Christians in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

3. The members of this Corporation shall consist of the Ministers of Congregational churches, who shall be recognized and admitted as members by the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at its annual meetings, and Delegates from Congregational Churches that have been recognised and admitted to its fellowship ; such delegates from each church not to exceed two in number.

4. The affairs of the Corporation shall be under the control and management of a Committee annually appointed ; a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary.

5. All donations, subscriptions, legacies, interest arising from legal securities of any kind, shall be invested or disposed of under the direction of the Committee for the benefit of the Corporation, and the Committee shall account for all their acts, receipts, and expenditures, and shall make a report to the Annual general meeting of the Corporation.

6. A General meeting of the Corporation shall be held once in each year, and as much oftener as may be directed by any Rule or By-law.

7. The provisions of this Act of Incorporation are only to be construed as affecting the operations of the Union in the Province of Nova Scotia.

AN ACT to Incorporate the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, passed 23rd April, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. That the Rev. George Stirling, the Rev. James Howell, the Rev. Geo. Ritchie, the Rev. Geo. A. Rawson, Rev. T. B. Smith, T. B. C. Burpee, T. B. Barker, John Burton, F. H. Hilton, Hiram Freeman, and such other persons as shall from time to time become members of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, according to the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, and Regulations thereof, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Corporate and Politic, in name and in deed, by the name of "The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," and by the same name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of the General Assembly in this Province : and shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all the Courts in this Province ; and shall by the same name have perpetual succession, and a common seal, which common seal they may from time to time alter, renew, or change at pleasure ; and shall and may by the name aforesaid, from time to time, and all

times acquire, possess, and enjoy for religious, educational, or missionary purposes, or for aiding and sustaining poor or weak churches or congregations in connection with the Congregational Body of Christians in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within the Province of New Brunswick, and the same real estate, or any part thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, from time to time under and according to any By-law by the said Corporation to be made and adopted as is hereinafter provided, and according to the desire of the donors of such real estate, as expressed in the conveyance or conveyances of the same to the said Corporation, to let or demise by indenture under the seal of the said Corporation, at an agreed reserved rent, or to sell and dispose of the same, in fee simple or otherwise, for such consideration as they may deem expedient, but for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and for none other, or to exchange any such lands for other lands; provided always, nevertheless, that the estimated value of the lands, tenements and hereditaments so to be held by the said Corporation in this Province, shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand pounds.

2. The said Corporation shall hold its first general meeting on the second Friday in September next after the passing of this Act, at the Congregational Meeting House in the Parish of Sheffield, in the County of Sunbury, in this Province; and at such general meeting shall and may elect a Chairman, *pro tem.*, and by a majority of votes may elect such officers for the due management of the affairs of the said Corporation, and ordain and appoint the times and places for holding future general meetings, and make and ordain such By-laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of the said Corporation in all respects whatsoever as to the said Corporation at such general meeting as may appear advisable and expedient, subject, nevertheless, to be altered and amended at any subsequent general meeting; such By-laws, Rules, and Regulations to be entered at length in a Book of Record, to be deposited with and placed in charge of such officer of the said Corporation as such general meeting may nominate and appoint; all which By-laws, Rules and Regulations from time to time, and as occasion may require, but only at a general meeting, duly convened, may be rescinded, abrogated, repealed, altered, extended or amended in the manner by such By-laws, Rules and Regulations to be directed; provided always, that no By-law, Rule or Regulation of the said Corporation shall be in any manner repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of this Province; and provided, also, that the officers to be appointed at the said first general meeting, or at any subsequent general meeting of the said Corporation shall continue in office until others shall be appointed and chosen in their stead, in the manner to be by the By-laws, Rules, and Regulations of the said Corporation from time to time ordained.

The Union organized under the foregoing Acts of Incorporation in Sheffield, at the Annual Session commencing September 14th, 1862, elected Officers, and adopted Constitution and Rules. The Union met for the first time in Nova Scotia, under these Acts, at Cornwallis, on the 10th September, 1863. The Constitution and Rules were revised at the Annual Session in 1872.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY

Is an Institution for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Congregational Ministers, and of Aged Ministers themselves, no longer able to labour. It has a capital of about \$15,000 for the first object, and \$5,000 is now being secured as a foundation for the second. It was originally known as "THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND SOCIETY," but in June 1873, the Directors reported at the Annual meeting that they had secured the passage of a Bill through the

Quebec Legislature, so amending the former Act of Incorporation as to admit of the establishment of a Pastors' Retiring Fund, to be administered in connection with that Society, and of its management by its Board; providing also for a change in the name of the Society, as above. This Act was, on motion duly made and seconded, formally adopted by the Society. The following is the Act:—

An Act to incorporate the Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Henry Wilkes, Richard Holland, Theodore Lyman, William Moodie, P. W. Wood, William Learmont, Alfred Savage and others have by their Petition set forth that they, with several others, have for some years past been associated for the purpose of raising and administering a sufficient fund for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the denomination of Christians known as "Congregationalists," and have prayed that they and their associates may be incorporated to that end under the conditions hereinafter set forth, by the name of "The Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society;" And whereas, it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said Reverend Henry Wilkes, Richard Holland, Theodore Lyman, William Moodie, P. W. Wood, William Learmont, Alfred Savage, and all other persons who are now members of the said Society, or who may by virtue of this Act replace them or join them for the purposes above-mentioned, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society," and under that name may by voluntary contributions or otherwise, as by their By-laws shall be provided for, form for the purposes aforesaid a fund, and from out of such fund may provide for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the said denomination, by means of annuities or otherwise, as shall be provided for; and the Corporation may from time to time make By-laws for the admission and for the expulsion of members of the Corporation, the formation, maintenance, management and application of such fund, and also for the investment of the same, and for defining and regulating all manner of rights of the Corporation, and of the members thereof, and of such widows and orphans, in the premises, and for imposing and enforcing any penalty or forfeiture, and generally for the government of all business connected with the said Corporation; and may from time to time amend or repeal such By-laws; and all such rights, penalties, and forfeitures, shall be such and such only, and may be enforced in such mode only, as by such By-laws shall be defined and limited.

2. Provided, always that it shall not be lawful for the Corporation to invest any of its funds for the purpose of acquiring or holding any real estate, nor to acquire or hold such real estate.

3. Provided also, that no bequest in favour of the Corporation shall be valid unless the same shall have been made at least six months before the death of the testator making the same.

4. All the revenues of the Corporation, from whatever source they may be derived, shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of the Corporation, and the furtherance of the objects aforesaid, and to no other purpose whatever.

5. The Corporation shall have power to administer their affairs by such and so many directors and other officers, and under such restrictions as touching their

powers and duties, as by By-law in that behalf they may from time to time ordain ; and they may assign to any of such officers such remuneration, as they may deem requisite.

6. In any suit or legal proceedings by or against the Corporation, no person shall be disqualified as a witness, by reason of his being or having been an Officer or Member thereof.

7. The Corporation shall at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period, and with such details and other information, as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require.

8. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Mission is totally distinct from the C. C. Missionary Society. It has had in its service during the year, one white missionary, one lady teacher, and several native evangelists.

"THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT."

This periodical, founded in 1854, without being an official "organ," is the recognised channel of communication between the Congregationalists of the Dominion. It is a Monthly, of 32 pages octavo, edited by Rev. J. Wood ; price one dollar a year. It is published in Toronto, by "The CANADIAN INDEPENDENT Publishing Company."

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE, B. N. A., 1864—1874.

This paper is here presented as a continuation to the present date of the historical sketch of the College, published in the Year Book for 1873-74.

In order to completeness, it will be well to give some account of the inception of the movement which resulted in the removal of the College from Toronto to Montreal. From the minutes of the Board of Directors, and also the Report for 1859-60, it appears that the question of improving and extending the Course of Study had then begun to engage serious attention. In the Report for 1861-62, the Board reported the resignation, in consequence of ill-health, of the Rev. A. Wickson, LL.D., the classical tutor, adding that, in view of the vacancy thus created, "they felt called upon to review the entire subject of the arrangement of the course of study pursued in the College, and the means of conducting it." With their Report, they also submitted a carefully considered plan, of which the leading points were:—(1) The division of the Course into two years of literary studies, and three years for Theology ; (2) That the students pursue their literary and scien-

tific studies at University College, according to a programme arranged by the Board ; (3) That graduates of any University, or other candidates of approved literary acquirements, be admitted at once to the Theological course. This scheme showed much wisdom and thorough appreciation, on the part of its originators, of the wants of the College and of the means to supply them, and would, if carried out, have proved a great advance on the course of study heretofore pursued. When submitted to the Annual Meeting it excited an earnest discussion, but was not adopted, being referred to a Special Committee who reported as follows :—(1) “That the course of study in our College shall extend over three years, and shall be exclusively theological ; comprehending the original languages of the Scriptures, Biblical Literature, Theology, Church History, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology ;” (2) “That, as a general rule, graduation at one of our Provincial Colleges, or an equivalent literary status, be required in order to admission to our College.” This scheme was still further in advance in the right direction than that recommended by the Board, and could it have been adopted, it would have obviated all further difficulty in so far as the literary curriculum was concerned. But such a plan, though it be nothing more than a return to the ancient usage of the Divinity Schools at the great centres of learning in the Old World, was too advanced for the state of education prevailing then, and even now, in this country ; and so the feeling of the meeting evidently was that the aim of the Committee’s report, however worthy and desirable, was higher than could be reached. As the meeting was divided in opinion, and, consequently not prepared for action on so grave a question, it wisely contented itself with receiving the Report, and handing it over to the Board, “with the request that they give the subject all due consideration, and report to the subscribers at their annual meeting next year.” During the ensuing year, the question received careful consideration, and the Board presented an able report thereupon, in which they pointed out that the difficulties in the way of working the plan recommended by the Special Committee were so formidable as to render it impracticable. They, therefore, recommended, “as more suitable to our present circumstances, the plan proposed by the late Board to the last Annual Meeting, with certain modifications.” But there were found to be difficulties in the way of working out the literary part of the scheme in Toronto which did not exist in Montreal, arising from the different constitutions of the Universities in these respective cities. And, hence, the result of earnest discussions and lengthened conferences on the question of adopting the recommendations of the Board, was the decision to remove the College from Toronto to Montreal at the close of the next session, and the appointment of a “Provisional Board on removal and consequent arrangements.” Thus, a step of vast importance either for good or ill to the College and the Denomination, was taken ; and whatever minor causes may have contributed to this action, there can be no doubt that the dominant cause was a strong conviction on the part of all, that the time had come when the welfare of our Denomination demanded that a large advance should be made in the education of those who were to serve the churches in the ministry of the Word. Montreal was chosen as the future home of the College, because it was supposed to possess certain special advantages for securing the objects contemplated by the change.

During the ensuing session, the Provisional Board gave careful and diligent attention to the matters entrusted to them, and at the Annual Meeting of the subscribers, held in the Town of Brantford, Ont., June 10th, 11th, and 13th, 1864, presented their Report with drafts of By-laws and Regulations of which the following are the leading provisions recommended:—(1) The course of study in the Literary and Theological departments as given below; (2) The incorporation of the College, and its affiliation with the McGill University, in order to secure certain advantages and facilities in connection with the literary training of the students; (3) The establishment of three separate Chairs in the department of Theology for [a] Systematic Theology and Church History, [b] Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, and [c] Greek Testament Exegesis; and (4) Drafts of queries to candidates for admission and their pastors, for the fuller guidance of the Board in admissions to the College. It should have been stated that the Annual Meeting of 1863 resolved on the division of the course of study into a Literary course of two sessions and a Theological course of three sessions. The meeting of 1864, before taking final action on the Report of the Provisional Board, by a unanimous vote, resolved to reconsider the resolution of the previous meeting to remove the College to Montreal. Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. E. Ebbs and the Rev. W. Hay, it was resolved, *nem. con.*—"That the decision of the last Annual Meeting on the removal of the College to Montreal be confirmed." The meeting then, after due consideration and discussion in Committee of the whole, adopted, with certain unimportant exceptions and amendments, the Report of the Provisional Board, and ordered the same to be printed with the Report of the Board of Directors for the past year. By the same meeting, the Rev. A. Lillie, D.D., was appointed to the chair of Systematic Theology and Church History; the Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., to the chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology; and the Rev. George Cornish, M.A., to the chair of Greek Testament Exegesis, subject to the consent of the Governors of McGill College thereto. The two last-named professors accepted these appointments with the intimation that they did not desire any remuneration for their services. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. H. Marling, the retiring Secretary of the College, to whose zeal and efficiency the institution was largely indebted, and a congratulatory resolution to Dr. Lillie, on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his connection with the College, and after the transaction of some routine business the meeting adjourned. An Act to incorporate the subscribers to the College was framed and introduced into the Legislature by C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P., and duly passed by the two Houses, and at a duly convened meeting of the subscribers, held in Montreal, Aug. 25th, 1864, the same was accepted and adopted, and the College was formally organized under its provisions. By the same meeting all the acts and appointments of the Annual Meeting of June were recognised and adopted, and during the ensuing session the College was affiliated with the McGill University. The important documents relating to these matters are too long for insertion in this paper; it may be well, however, to state that they are all printed *in extenso*, in the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth Annual Reports of the College.

The first session in Montreal, being the twenty-sixth in the history of the College, was opened on the evening of October 26th, 1864, by a public service in Zion Church, at which the Revs. A. Duff, of Sherbrooke, and J.

Elliot, then of Ottawa, delivered addresses.* In the Literary department, the work began on September 6th, in the Faculty of Arts, McGill College. The work in both departments has from this period been prosecuted simultaneously, and its character may be seen from the appended programme of the Course of Study, to which I would invite the careful attention of all interested in the College.

For the literary and scientific subjects of the Full Course, the students attend the classes of the Faculty of Arts in McGill College, according to the terms of affiliation with the University, in which Faculty the Full Course extends over four years, and leads to the Degree of B. A. But in the Third and Fourth Years, Theological students are allowed exemption from attendance on certain classes, should they desire it. Thus the studies of the Third and Fourth Years of the Full Course are prosecuted simultaneously in the Faculty of Theology and in the Faculty of Arts. The work of the Fifth Year is confined to the Faculty of Theology.

The following is the course of study in the University which students in Theology must pass through in order to obtain the Degree of B.A.:—

First Year.—Classics ; French or German or Hebrew ; English Literature ; Pure Mathematics ; History ; Elementary Chemistry.

Second Year.—Classics ; French or German or Hebrew ; English Literature ; Logic ; Pure Mathematics ; Botany.

Third Year.—Classics ; English Literature ; Mental and Moral Philosophy ; Mixed Mathematics ; Zoology.

Fourth Year.—Classics ; Mental and Moral Philosophy ; Mixed Mathematics ; Mineralogy and Geology.

The Theological Course proper begins with the third Year of the Full Course, and extends over three full sessions. It embraces the following subjects :—(1) Systematic Theology ; (2) Historical Theology ; (3) Pastoral Theology ; (4) Homiletics ; (5) Greek Testament Exegesis ; (6) Church History ; (7) Evidences and Biblical Literature.

In both Departments, the Session begins at the middle of September ; and examinations are held at Christmas and at the end of the Session in the several subjects of the year. Students must pass these examinations as a condition of maintaining their proper status.

This curriculum is, I think, as complete as can reasonably be desired. And if the Alumni of our College faithfully go through it, there can be no fear that, in so far as their professional training and culture are concerned, they will prove workmen that need not to be ashamed. That the faithful prosecution of such a course, especially in the case of many of our candidates who come to College so inadequately prepared, involves much hard work, and sometimes disappointment, may be readily conceded ; but what worthy object does not in the attainment thereof involve and demand the same ? There is no "Royal Road" to excellence in learning, whereby the slothful and the simpleton may, without sustained effort and study, win for themselves deserved distinction. Yet the course is one that the student of fair average talents, and with a reasonable amount of persevering work, may hope to get through, and it is only for such that it is designed. I am, moreover, bold to say that, taking into view the circumstances of life in this country in which one year seems to be of equal value to two in older lands ; regarding the condition and wants of the community generally, and of the churches in

particular, which seem to demand a much higher order of general and professional culture in the ministry than has heretofore prevailed ; and, at the same time, not forgetting the comparatively advanced age of most of those who present themselves for admission, and their eagerness to "get through College" and enter upon their work ; it is the best because the most feasible scheme that has yet been devised. It has been tried now for ten years, and with results that I regard as satisfactory ; for, out of an aggregate of sixteen who have left the College from both departments, five have graduated ; *i.e.*, nearly one-third ; and certainly three or four more would have done so, had not ill-health or other untoward circumstances prevented them. This proportion of graduates to non-graduates is larger than that which prevails in our English Theological Colleges, as the Annual Reports of these latter show.

The two great educational difficulties the College has to contend with are, first, the inadequate literary preparation of candidates for entrance ; and, second, the desire on the part of many to take the "Shorter Course," that their training may be finished in the shortest time. Nor do I see clearly how these difficulties, at present at least, are to be met ; but it is an encouraging sign that fewer candidates apply for the "Shorter Course." It is important that the churches should bear in mind that the College is an institution for *educating* men, and that, to this end, fair capacities for receiving this education, and patient diligence in gaining it, are essentially necessary in the candidates they send up with their recommendations ; if these pre-requisites are not forthcoming, the College cannot educate, and the attempt to do so only involves loss of time and money, and ultimate failure and disappointment. "Non ex quovis ligno fit Mercurius."

The organization of the Faculty of Theology and the appointments to the chairs therein have been referred to in the account of the Annual Meeting of 1864. The Professorial staff as then constituted, continued unaltered until the year 1869, when, on October 19th, just on the commencement of the duties of the Session, the honoured Principal, Dr. Lillie, who had for so many years so efficiently and faithfully served the College, suddenly died. In the disturbed state of affairs caused by this painful event, the Board had to take prompt action for the prosecution of the work in the Theological Department. To facilitate certain financial arrangements for the temporary benefit of the family of the late Principal, Dr. Wilkes and Prof. Cornish, offered, by arrangement between themselves to give additional lectures, to meet the classes in Theology daily ; which offer the Board accepted, and the Session of 1869-70 was thus passed.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held in Zion Church, Toronto, on the evening of January 4th, 1870, to receive a Special Report from the College Board on various important questions consequent on the death of the late Principal, of which the most important was the choice of a successor. The Board had no nomination to offer, but simply sought for conference with their constituents in order to secure, if possible, harmonious action in the future. After a protracted discussion on the several matters brought before it, the meeting resolved :—"That we postpone the appointment of a Professor until the general Annual Meeting of the Corporation in June next ; and that, in the meantime, the consideration of the whole question be left to the College Board, who shall be assisted by a committee of fifteen gentlemen to be appointed by this meeting, who shall come prepared with a report and

nomination at said Annual Meeting." The Committee appointed consisted of the Revs. J. G. Manly, W. H. Allworth, T. M. Reikie, J. Unsworth, A. McGregor ; Messrs. C. Whitlaw, G. Robertson, Wm. Edgar, W. A. Wallis, J. Turner, D. Higgins, and George Hague, with, I suppose, the mover and seconder of the nomination, Messrs. Joseph Tolfree and R. Freeland. By a letter bearing date January 31st, 1870, the Convener of the Committee officially informed the Board that the Rev. Dr. Wilkes was the nominee of the Committee for the office of Principal of the College, in which nomination the Board subsequently concurred. At the Annual Meeting held in Toronto, June 1870, this joint recommendation was adopted by the Corporation, and at a special service held for that purpose, Dr. Wilkes was formally installed as Principal. (A full report of all these and other important matters may be found in the thirty-first Annual Report of the College.)

The staff of Professors was now reduced to two, and the work in the Department of Theology was distributed as follows :—(1) Systematic and Pastoral Theology, and Biblical Criticism ; (2) Church History ; (3) Greek Testament Exegesis ; Dr. Wilkes having charge of (1) and (2), and Professor Cornish of (3). This arrangement was forced upon the Corporation by the circumstances of the case, but was not intended to be permanent. During the Session 1871-72, the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., one of the pastors of Zion Church, Montreal, kindly offered to deliver a special course of Lectures on the Prophecies by Isaiah ; this offer was gladly accepted by the Board, and gratefully referred to in their Annual Report to the Corporation. Whereupon an interesting discussion took place, in the course of which it was pointed out that in the ranks of our ministers were to be found men whose learning and experience were such as qualified them to render valuable aid as instructors in the College. And although the income of the College might not at present admit of the appointment of any of these on the permanent staff of Professors, yet some might be induced to render temporary aid in the way of delivering Special Courses of Lectures. The issue of the discussion was the Resolution :—"That the Board be authorized until additional Professorships can be fully established, and so far as the funds allow, to make arrangements for temporary Lectureships in the Theological Department of the College." In accordance with which Resolution, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, and the Rev. Chas. Chapman, of Montreal, were invited to deliver Special Courses, the former on Historical Theology, and the latter on Evidences and Biblical Criticism. The invitation was cordially accepted by these gentlemen, and the Lectures were delivered, and regular examinations held in the subjects of the same, the students being reported as creditably acquitting themselves. So satisfactory and successful was the experiment, that it was repeated in the Session 1873-74, and the Board have recommended the continuance of the same courses during next Session ; and not only so, but the Corporation has instructed the Board, if practicable, to increase these Lectureships. This movement I regard as one eminently in the right direction, and as one of the most successful steps for promoting the efficiency and usefulness of the College that have been taken since its removal to Montreal. It is attended with such comparatively small expense, and has so many advantages in its favour, that I trust others of our talented ministers will be invited to render like service, and that the churches will willingly lend them for a time to the College. For apart from, and in addition to, the direct

advantage gained by the student in respect of the acquisition of larger stores of knowledge, the *educational* benefits which accrue to him from contact with a wider and more varied order of mind and taste and culture, in those who impart that knowledge, are enhanced in value with every addition made to their number. This trite axiom is as old as the science of education itself.

At the present date the staff stands as follows :—*Professors and Lecturers* :—The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Systematic Theology, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Church History ; the Rev. G. Cornish, LL.D., Greek Testament Exegesis ; the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A. Evidences and Biblical Literature ; the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Historical Theology. Attention has also been given to the important matter of Elocution.

Intimately connected with the educational appliances of the College, is the offering of Prizes for competition in special subjects. In all colleges, of any repute, the prize-system is a time-honoured institution which, with judicious management, proves a valuable adjunct to the work of the class-room, in that it promotes in the student habits of independent thought and self-reliant working ; whilst, to say nothing of the material aid rendered, it presents a stimulus for honourable distinction that puts the true student upon his best mettle. The lack of prizes has been a long-standing evil which the chronic poverty of the College has rendered it impossible to remove : all the more timely and praiseworthy, therefore, is the enlightened liberality of those friends who have now come forward to supply the want. And it is to be hoped that the students by the keenness of their competition will shew a proper appreciation of this liberality, and that a good custom thus well begun, will not be allowed to fall into disuse. Five prizes, one of \$50, and one of \$25, given by George Hague, Esq., of Toronto ; two of \$25 each, by R. W. Cowan, Esq., of Montreal ; and one of \$20, by Thos. Robertson, Esq., of Montreal, are offered for competition at the beginning of next Session in special subjects chosen either by the Donors or by the Professors.

An advance has also been made in the way of testing by examinations the results of the students' diligence and work. As in the Literary, so in the Theological department, regular terminal examinations are held at Christmas and at the end of the Session, conducted by means of printed questions and written answers to the same, and extending over three hours for each subject. The value of the answering, and the position of the student in the class-list, is determined by a strict system of marking, by which a numerical value is assigned to each question set. To pass First Class, he must gain at least three-fourths of the aggregate of marks ; Second Class, requires one-half ; and Third Class, one-third of the aggregate ; and if his marks fall below the last-mentioned proportion, he is "ploughed", or "plucked," or "stuck,"—all expressive College phrases to denote the unpleasant fact that the examiners report him "as having failed to pass the examination." In the University examinations, failure in two or more subjects involves the loss of the whole Session, unless the student can satisfy the authorities that his failure has arisen from legitimate and recognized causes. There must be somewhere an ultimate check on the man who in incorrigible idleness and neglect lives the life of the amateur student, or something worse, ignoring the privileges and responsibilities that attach to his position. To the credit of our Theological students, it must be stated that such a character is of very rare occurrence among them.

The following table will most conveniently set forth the statistics pertaining to applications for admission, attendance and graduation. I have drawn it up as carefully as I can, and it is, I think, accurate.

SESSIONS.	Applicants for Admission.	Admitted to Probation.	Admitted to Full Course.	Admitted to Theol. Course.	Withdrew.	Completed Course.	Graduated B. A.
1864-65.....	3	3	3	0	1	4	0
1865-66.....	3	1	0	1	1	1	0
1866-67.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1867-68.....	3	3	3	0	0	1	0
1868-69.....	7	6	2	2	0	2	1
1869-70.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1870-71.....	3	2	0	2	0	0	1
1871-72.....	4	4	4	0	0	4	2
1872-73.....	4	3	1	1	4	3	0
1873-74.....	5	4	3	1	0	1	1
	34	28	17	7	6	16	5

In the case of an Institution supported by voluntary contributions, as the College has been from the beginning, and therefore living, so to speak, "from hand to mouth," the question of Finance is one of prime importance. Such a precarious *modus vivendi* has been rendered necessary by the circumstances in which our churches, in common with most others in this country, have been placed. The comparative smallness of their resources and the large demands made on these to cover the wide field of operations they have deemed it their duty or their policy to occupy, have been unfavourable to College endowments. But with the development and consolidation of their operations, the question of procuring suitable men to carry them on is becoming more urgent and important every year, and this suitableness involves the necessity of a home-born, and home-trained ministry in Colleges belonging to the respective denominations, for the adequate maintenance of which, by permanent endowments, laudable efforts are being from time to time put forth. Moreover, most of the denominations are becoming more alive to the necessity that exists for a well-educated ministry, that shall be able to keep abreast of the intellectual activity and growing intelligence of these times, and to meet the demands that are being made for right guidance and teaching amid the perplexing theological and scientific questions that are so frequently and persistently put forward by men who profess to have discovered new truths to teach the world. And that these demands will diminish, either in number or in force, is not, I think, to be expected; and hence, in this awakening of the churches to a sense of their duty in meeting them, by supplying from endowed Theological Schools a well-educated ministry, one may discover strong grounds for encouragement and hope for the future. We may be sure of this, that the denomination that shall by prompt and wise methods best succeed in so worthy a work will, under God, prove the greatest benefactor to the community, and win for itself the largest meed of honour, influence, and support. But to secure this, money is required, and that too, from no niggard hand. Accordingly, we find almost every Denomination with its

scheme for the endowment and improvement of its Theological Colleges. The duty of the churches of our name and order is so clear in these circumstances, that I need not stop to enforce it; they will readily recognise it, for they have never been the patrons of blind theological ignorance, nor the foes of earnest thought and free enquiry.

The sources of income to the College during the past have been two :—the annual grants made by the Colonial Missionary Society, and the annual contributions received from the churches. The former has been the true and stanch friend of the College from the hour of its birth; and there can be no question that its wise policy in so liberally aiding it, has been of more benefit to our churches than any other department of its operations in this country. The appended tabular statement shows the receipts from the Society and the churches, severally, with quinquennial statements of the total receipts and expenditure for the past ten years.

YEARS.	C. M. S.s' Grants.	Churches' Contribs.	Total Receipts.	Total Expend.
1864-65	\$1,506	\$ 911	\$3,043	\$2,811
1865-66	858	899		
1866-67	687	680		
1867-68	850	1,286		
1868-69	1,138	1,520	2,776	2,775
1869-70	1,096	1,789		
1870-71	972	1,628		
1871-72	1,215	1,806		
1872-73	1,199	1,990		
1873-74	1,076	2,065	\$,233	2,997

This statement reveals the encouraging fact of a marked increase in the contributions of the churches, beginning with the year 1867-68. In connection with this, it will not be invidious to accord honourable mention to Zion Church, Montreal, and to the churches at Toronto, Kingston, Paris, and Sherbrooke, for having largely contributed to this increase by their increased remittances. There are, however, still many churches from which either no contributions at all are received, or only spasmodic gifts. Now this should not be, for the College is the Institution of, and for, the whole body, and should therefore be sustained by it as a whole. It is only fair that I should state my conviction that this apathy for the College is, in most instances, apparent rather than real. I am sure, judging from the spirit I have seen manifested on the occasion of such visits as I have made, that there is hardly a church that would not gladly contribute its quota towards the maintenance of the College, if only the proper officers and representatives of the Board were to visit the churches for the purpose of giving information and receiving offerings.

The Annual Meeting of June, 1865, was made memorable by the presence of the Rev. J. L. Poore, who, in his official capacity of Secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society, had come out as a Deputation to the churches in Canada. He then informed the Corporation that the exigencies of the Society were such as to necessitate a revision and reduction of the pecuniary aid heretofore extended to the College by the Society, and which for some years had been the lump sum of \$1500. Accordingly the reduction was made in the grants for the next Session, the Committee formally notifying

the College Board that "they would contribute from the funds of the Society one-half of the salary of the Professor of Theology" (Principal), "and £10, stg., towards the support of each student on the books; but that the sum-total of their yearly grant must not exceed £225, stg., and that no extra charges would be allowed upon their funds." Such has been the arrangement, in spirit if not in the exact letter, ever since.

Previous to the year 1870, the College had nothing in the shape of an endowment; but at the special meeting held in consequence of the death of Dr. Lillie, the Board recommended and the meeting resolved, that a Fund to be designated *The Lillie Memorial Fund*, and amounting to \$5000 should be raised, and that the annual income therefrom should, in the first instance, be appropriated to the use of the widow of the late Principal; and that, on her death, it should be devoted to the support in full or in part of a Professorship in Church History in the College. The co-operation of the Colonial Missionary Society in raising the Fund was sought and generously given, the amount of its grant in aid being \$1456; the balance was raised by contributions from churches in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, and from other special sources; and in 1872 the fund was completed and placed in the hands of Trustees.

In 1872, the late Mr. Thomas Fletcher, of Beverley, Ont., bequeathed the sum of \$1500 to the College, of which \$750 have been paid. The Board recommended that this legacy should be set aside as part of an Endowment Fund, and that steps should be taken to raise the sum of \$20,000. The Annual Meeting adopted this recommendation with much enthusiasm, and many handsome sums were subscribed; whilst the Association of the Alumni even urged the Board to raise the sum of the Fund to \$40,000, themselves guaranteeing to raise \$4,000. In this recommendation the Board concurred, and at once sought again the aid of the Colonial Missionary Society in raising this amount, on the plan and condition that the Society grant \$7,500 to the Fund by the date of September, 1878, and that, in return for the same, and from the said date, the College will cease altogether to receive grants in aid of its general operations from the funds of the Society, the existing financial arrangement with the Society in the meantime continuing. To this the reply came that "the Committee were deeply interested in the plan and approved the principle," and hopes were held out that assistance would be rendered. A member of Zion Church, Montreal, has promised that he will give \$5,000, on condition of \$15,000 being raised to complete the original endowment of \$20,000. For a fuller account of this important enterprise, I must refer to the last Annual Report of the College, from which it will be seen that the prospect of ultimate success is promising. Much will depend on the action of the friends in England, inasmuch as the whole sum of \$40,000 is too large for us in Canada to raise, unaided by others.

For most of the time since the removal to Montreal, the Lecture-room and Library of the College has been a room in the rear of Zion Church, which, together with fuel and gas, has been generously provided by the church free of all charge. Doubtless many reasons may be urged for the erection of a suitable building to fix the local habitation and the name of the College; but, in my opinion, neither the time nor the necessity has yet come for taking them into consideration. To one who understands the condition and

work of the College, many wants will readily suggest themselves vastly more pressing than this, and to meet which, all the money that we can raise for the next quarter of a century will be required. The mania now-a-days seems to be for big piles of costly structure, involving the expenditure of large sums of money which might be employed with much more benefit to the Church and the world in less ostentatious but more enduring ways. The building question may, therefore, well stand in abeyance.

The students have lived in private lodgings of their own selection, subject to the approval of the Board, and have received monthly grants from the funds of the College in aid of their expenses. With the enhanced cost of living which now prevails in all our large towns and cities, this question of students' board and residence becomes, both on financial and sanitary, as well as other grounds, of greater importance every year, and suggests the query whether the time may not be near when it will be expedient to revert to the "domestic system." Notwithstanding the difficulties that are supposed to attend the working of this system, and the arguments that are urged against it, I hold a very decided opinion—and it is one based upon my own experience of both systems when a student, and on nearly twenty years' careful observation in professional life—that the "domestic" has far more advantages in its favour, and far fewer disadvantages against it, than the "out-door" system has. The difficulties of the former are almost wholly of an *economic* character; only let the heads of the establishment be of the right sort as regards piety, manners and tact, and their influence on the students will be for good and good only, such as the boarding-house system can never secure nor confer. I write thus on a matter which has been much on my mind for some time past, rather with the view of "mooting" the question, than of urging action thereupon.

The Corporation consists of personal members whose qualification is the payment of one dollar annually to the funds of the College. It meets once a year, at least, in Regular Annual Meeting for the consideration and despatch of business, and the appointment of office-bearers. All appointments to Professorships are vested in the Corporation. The Board of Directors is chosen from and by the Corporation, and consists of a Chairman, Treasurer, and one or more Secretaries, with not less than fifteen, nor more than twenty members, who all hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-election. The functions and duties of the Board are of an executive and advisory character, and all their proceedings are subject to revision and disallowance by the Corporation. This fact, taken in connection with the existence in our ranks of so many free and independent spirits ever ready to criticise and detect mistakes, renders centralisation and cliqueism in the administration of the affairs of the College well nigh impossible, even were there any desire for such things. The membership of the Board has of necessity, as was the case in Toronto, consisted of gentlemen, resident for the most part in the place where the College is. But at the last Annual Meeting the question of enlarging the membership, and of making it more strictly representative of the different sections of country, was brought up. It is also proposed to hold an Annual Meeting of the Board thus constituted, at the same time and place as that of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, to receive and deal with the Annual Report, review the work of the past, and consult as to plans for the future. Under such an arrangement the members of the Board resident in

Montreal would be constituted an Executive Committee of the Board, and accountable to it, and not to the Corporation, for their acts. Without discussing the merits or demerits of the proposed change, I may say that it is one of a radical character, and will not be free from difficulties and objections in its working, any more than the present plan which has in its favour the argument that it has worked well. The matter, however, will be, at the proper time, in the hands of the Corporation for decision,* and I have no doubt that no material change will be made without due regard being paid to the sound constitutional maxim, that a good case must be made out to prove the wisdom or the necessity of making it.

The office-bearers of the College have been :—*Chairman*, Rev. Dr. Wilkes, 1864 to 1871, and Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., 1871 to date : *Treasurer*, Mr. T. M. Taylor, 1864 to 1866, Mr. J. P. Clark, 1866 to 1873, and Mr. R. C. Jamieson, 1873 to date : *Secretary*, Rev. George Cornish, M.A., LL.D., 1864 to date,—the longest tenure of this office in the history of the College.

GEORGE CORNISH.

THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

REV. J. A. R. DICKSON, TORONTO, SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—NAME.

The Western Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches.

II.—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

All approved Pastors and Churches of our faith and order on a vote at any meeting. The Churches to be represented by one or two delegates.

III.—ITS OBJECTS.

To promote the revival of Spiritual Religion—to extend by evangelistic services Congregationalism in the Western District—to secure closer union and fellowship, and to advance, by all legitimate means, the interests of the associated churches.

IV.—TIME OF MEETINGS.

Meetings to be held in October and February in each year.

V.—ORDER OF SERVICES.

On the first day meet at three P.M. for Conference. In the evening for preaching, and the observance of the Lord's Supper. On the second day, morning and afternoon sessions for Conference. In the evening, public services.

VI.—EXPENSES.

That collections be taken up in the Churches to defray expenses.

At the meeting held in Scotland in March, 1873, the Association was sub-divided into sections, for the purpose of a more careful oversight of the Churches within the bounds of these sections, and of making aggressive missionary efforts. These sub-divisions are, the

LONDON SECTION, including the Counties of Kent, Essex, Lambton, Middlesex and Elgin.

BRANTFORD SECTION, including the Counties of Brant, Oxford, Norfolk and Wentworth.

GUELPH SECTION, including the Counties of Huron, Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Perth and Waterloo.

The Rev. Enoch Barker is Secretary for the Guelph Section; Rev. J. Salmon, B.A., for the London Section; the Rev. W. H. Allworth, for the Brantford Section. The present roll of membership is as follows:

REV. WILLIAM HAY, Scotland.	REV. W. F. CLARKE, Guelph.
“ JOHN WOOD, Toronto.	“ J. I. HINDLEY, M.A., Owen Sound.
“ ANTHONY MCGILL, M.A., Barton.	“ ENOCH BARKER, Fergus.
“ SOLOMON SNIDER, Michigan, U. S.	“ J. M. SMITH, Michigan, U.S.
“ J. A. R. DICKSON, Toronto.	“ W. H. A. CLARIS, Sarnia.
“ W. H. ALLWORTH, Paris.	“ WILLIAM MANCHEE, Guelph.
“ JOHN SALMON, B.A., Embro.	“ E. C. W. MCCOLL, M.A., Brantford.

CHURCHES.

Southwold	Listowel.	Guelph.
Paris.	Fergus.	Stratford.
Scotland.	Garafraxa.	Eramosa.
Hamilton.	Douglas.	Burford.
London.		

The next meeting will be held in Brantford, Ont., on the 2nd Tuesday in February, 1875. *Preacher*.—Rev. H. Sanders. *Alternate*.—Rev. J. Salmon, B.A. *Essays*.—“Is the Christian Ministry a Priesthood?”—Rev. William Hay. “What is to be believed in order to Salvation?”—Rev. Robert Hay. “The Righteousness of God.”—Rev. J. A. R. Dickson. *Review*.—“Henry Rogers’ Congregational Lecture.”—Rev. E. C. W. McColl. Bible Reading in Greek.—1 Peter i, 1-12. Bible Reading in Hebrew.—Ps. 32.—“Future Punishment of the Wicked.”—A conversation.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES, ONTARIO.

REV. W. W. SMITH, PINE GROVE, SECRETARY.

This Association, composed of Ministers and Delegates of Churches in the Central Missionary District, Ontario, holds two meetings in the year—the Summer or Autumn Meeting in one of the Country Churches, and the Winter Meeting in Toronto.

Since the last issue of the Year-Book, three meetings have been held; one in Pine Grove in Oct., 1873; one in Bond Street Church, Toronto, in Jan. 1874; and one in Stouffville in Oct. 1874.

The Preachers of the “Association Sermon” were respectively Revds. C. H. Silcox, John Allworth, B.A., and S. N. Jackson, M.D.

Twenty Ministers, and eighteen Churches are at present in membership with the Association. The next meeting will be held in the Northern Church, Toronto, in January, 1875. The appointments are,

- Sermon : —REV. R. BULMAN.
 Essays : —REV. E. D. SILCOX, "Regeneration."
 REV. C. H. SILCOCKS, "Adoption."
 REV. W. W. SMITH, "Prayer Meetings."
 Reviews : —REV. D. MCGREGOR, "Strauss."
 REV. F. H. MARLING, "J. S. MILL."
 REV. J. A. R. DICKSON, "Hodge."

General Text.—1 Cor. ii, 2, "For I determined not to know anything among you," etc.

The Annual Meeting for 1875 will be held at Bowmanville in September. The present Chairman is Rev. Samuel T. Gibbs, of Whitby,

MEMBERS.

Ministers : Joseph Unsworth, Joseph Wheeler, Francis H. Marling, Hiram Denny, Thomas M. Reikie, John G. Sanderson, William F. Clarke, Dugald McGregor, Benjamin W. Day, John G. Manly, Robert Robinson, Matthew S. Gray, Daniel Macallum, Samuel T. Gibbs, William W. Smith, James A. R. Dickson, Samuel N. Jackson, R. Bulman, C. H. Silcocks, E. D. Silcox—20.

Churches : Georgetown, Alton, Albion, South Caledon, Church-hill, Bowmanville, Pine Grove, Thistletown, Toronto Zion, Toronto Bond Street, Markham and Unionville, Stouffville, Toronto Northern, Whitby, Manilla, Oro, Rugby, Vespra—18.

ONTARIO EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

REV. J. G. SANBERSON, OTTAWA, SECRETARY.

Holds its meetings twice a year—in May and October.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

REV. K. M. FENWICK, Kingston.	REV. J. G. SANBERSON, Ottawa.
" J. BROWN, Lanark Village.	" D. MACALLUM, Athol.
" W. M. PEACOCK, Kingston.	" JOSEPH GRIFFITH, Cobourg.
" R. BROWN, Middleville.	

The Association meets at Brockville, on the 3rd November, 1874. The appointed exercises are as follows :—

1. A public service, Rev. D. Macallum, Preacher.
2. Review by Rev. Joseph Griffith, Cobourg, of a work by Henry Rogers, B.A. "The Superhuman Origin of the Bible inferred from itself."
3. Exposition by the Rev. J. Brown.
4. Lecture by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, on the history of the Nicene Council.
5. Public Service as may be at the time arranged.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION.

REV. ARCHIBALD DUFF, SHERBROOKE, [SCRIBE.

Meets twice a year—in May and September.

Members living in the Dominion :—Rev. A. J. Parker, Danville ; Rev. E. J. Sherrill, Eaton ; Rev. A. Duff, Sherbrooke ; Rev. L. P. Adams, Fitch Bay ; Rev. John Campbell, in Ontario ; Rev. Geo. Purkis, Waterville ; Rev. Jno. McKillican, Danville ; Rev. C. P. Watson, Cowansville ; Rev. G. T. Colwell, Danville ; Rev. Wm. McIntosh, Windsor Mills ; Rev. D. D. Nighswander, Granby.

Next meeting to be held in Danville, on the 3rd Tuesday in May, 1875.

Moderator, Rev. D. D. Nighswander.

Preacher, Rev. L. P. Adams, primary ; Rev. C. P. Watson, *alternate*.

Work :—Essays ; Exegesis ; Plans of Sermon."

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Churches at Smith's Sound and St. John's. Two ministers and one general missionary.

THE WEST INDIES.

JAMAICA.

Congregational Ministers in connection with the London Missionary Society:

Rev. William Alloway, Ridgemount.

" G. Bailey, Davyton.

" T. H. Clark, Whitefield.

" W. J. Gardener, Kingston.

" A. Joyce, Chapelton.

In connection with the American Missionary Association:

Rev. John Thompson, Brainard and Mannings' Hill.

" C. B. Venning, Chesterfield.

" C. C. Starbuck, Eliot.

" S. B. Wilson, Brandon Hill and Providence.

Native Missionaries:

Rev. E. A. Eastwood, Breadnut Bottom.

" W. C. Harty, Davyton.

DEMERARA.

Rev. Joseph Ketley, Georgetown.

" E. A. Wallbridge, do.

" George Macfarlane, Lodge.

" Joseph C. Westley, Victoria.

" Charles Rattray, Canal No. 1.

BERBICE.

Rev. John Dalgliesh, New Amsterdam.

" George Pettigrew, Albion Chapel.

BRITISH GUIANA.

Rev. J. Foreman, Demerara.

MEXICO.

Rev. William Parkes, without pastoral charge.

COSTA RICA.

Rev. A. B. Camm,

STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

(See Tables appended to Minutes of Union of O. and Q.)

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

(See do. of Union of N. S. and N. B.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

(From YEAR BOOK, 1874.)

1. CHURCHES. — In England, 2,181 ; Wales, 743 ; Scotland, 108 ; Ireland, 27 ; Islands of the British Seas, 18 ; total in the British Isles, 3,077. In the Colonies: British North America, 109 ; Australia, 131 ; New Zealand, 12 ; South Africa, Demerara, &c., 13 ; total, 265. In Foreign Mission Fields, about 300. General total of Churches connected with Great Britain, 3,642.

Of these 333 were reported as "vacant."

2. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS. — In England, 42 ; Wales, 16 ; Scotland, 8 ; Ireland, 1 ; Colonies, 9 ; Madagascar, 1 ; total, 77.

3. MINISTERS. — *As Pastors*. — England, 1,528 ; Wales, 349 ; Scotland, 93 ; Ireland, 19 ; Continent, 7 ; Colonies, 202 ; Heathen Lands, 148 ; Natives, 77 ; total, 2,403.

EVANGELISTS AND LAY PASTORS. — England, 145 ; Wales, 312.

Without Pastoral Charges. — England, 470 ; Wales, 52 ; Scotland, 26 ; Ireland, 3 ; Channel Islands, 1 ; Continent, 2 ; Colonies, 54 ; total, 603.

4. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGES AND INSTITUTES FOR MINISTERIAL TRAINING. — England 11, Students 281 ; Wales 3, Students 66 ; Scotland 1, Students 11 ; Colonies 3, Students 19 ; Foreign Lands (Mission) 10, Students, 547 ; Total Colleges, 28 ; Total Students, 924.

EVANGELICAL UNION OF SCOTLAND. — 83 Churches ; 73 Ministers.

N. B. — The English Churches do not give such statistics of membership, property and contribution, as are obtained in the United States and in Canada.

UNITED STATES.

(From tables collected from the several State organizations in 1872, arranged and published by the Secretary of the National Council, in the "Congregational Quarterly" (Boston) for January, 1873.)

1. CHURCHES. — 3,325, of which 893 have pastors ; 1,608 "acting pastors ;" and 824 are vacant, (175 of these having some supplies).

The membership of these churches consisted of 106,991 males, and 208,575 females, total, 323,679, of whom 42,660 were "absent." The additions during the previous year had been, by profession 13,216, by letter 11,312, total, 24,620 ; and

the removals 16,133. There had been 5,871 adult and 4,570 infant Baptisms. The Sabbath Schools contained 372,554 scholars.

The "parish expenses" of the whole number of churches are *estimated* at \$6,000,000. The benevolent contributions reported, about \$1,300,000, while numerous legacies and individual endowments were not reported.

2. MINISTERS.—3,238, of whom 944 are not in pastoral work ; 898 are pastors, and 1,396 "acting pastors." There are also 115 Foreign Missionaries. Of those "not in pastoral work," many are engaged in teaching, editorial work, secretaryships and agencies, and others are constantly supplying pulpits.

BRITISH AND COLONIAL CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Chairman, 1874-5—Rev. J. Guinness Rogers, B. A., Clapham.

Treasurer—Joshua Wilson, Esq.

Secretary—Rev. Alexander Hannay.

Editor of the "Congregational Year Book"—Rev. Robert Ashton.

Committee—Seventy-two members, one-half resident in London, and one-half in the country, each section being composed of ministers and laymen in equal numbers.

Office—Congregational Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E. C.

Annual Meetings—in London, in May; *Autumnal Meetings*—in the country, in October.

The Union was formed in 1832. Its constitution, as last revised in 1871, will be found in the [English] *Congregational Year Book*, which contains the transactions of the meetings of the year, the papers then read, lists of Congregational Ministers in all the British Dominions, membership of the County Associations, accounts of Public Societies, Obituary Notices, Sketches of New Church-Buildings, and a great body of other valuable information, comprised in a closely-printed 8vo. volume of fully 500 pages, sold for 2s. sterling.

The Union also publishes the *Congregational Hymn Book*, and the *New Congregational Hymn Book*, and has issued a series of *Tracts*.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS IN ENGLAND.

THE LONDON BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS has a membership of 229, besides whom there are 126 ministers "residing in and around the Cities of London and Westminster," not members of the Board.

A LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION has also been formed recently, including the Churches. Number of "Chapels" in the London district, 240.

There are 42 County Associations in England, and 16 in Wales. These take charge of local Home-Mission work, raising and distributing funds, many of them being aided by the "Home Missionary Society."

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF SCOTLAND.

Treasurer—David McLaren, Esq., 2 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh.

Secretary—Rev. David Russell, 15 Moray Place, Regent's Park, Glasgow.

The Union is "simply a Church-aid and Home-Mission Society." There are 102 churches connected with it. Income last year, £1,750 15s. ; Expenditure, £1,776 15s. 6d. It was organised in 1821, and consists of churches and their subscribing members. Meeting:—Annual in April.

A "Conference" has lately been organized, meeting simultaneously with the Union, at which public questions are discussed, after the manner of the English Union.

There are eight District Associations in Scotland.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF IRELAND.

Chairman and Treasurer, 1873-4—Rev. W. Fox, Cork.

Secretary—Rev. R. Sewell, Londonderry; Rev. A. Morrison, Belfast.

This body was formed in 1829, and consists of recognized ministers and members of churches. It meets annually in April.

Mission-work in Ireland is conducted mainly by the "Irish Evangelical Society"—*Secretary*, Rev. W. Tarbottom; Office, 18 South Street, Finsbury, E. C., London.

COLONIAL CONGREGATIONAL UNIONS.

The Congregational Churches and ministers in the several Colonies are associated in Unions as follows :—

CONGREGATIONAL UNION AND MISSION OF VICTORIA.—*Secretaries*, Rev. C. S. Y. Price, Ballarat, Melbourne; Rev. J. J. Halley, Williamstown. Expenditure, £1,182. 45 churches, 5 mission stations, 21 preaching stations, 89 places of worship.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Secretary*, Randolph Nott, Esq., Sidney. 14 churches, 24 preaching stations.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF QUEENSLAND.—*Secretary*, Rev. E. Griffith, Brisbane. 14 churches, 8 preaching stations.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION AND HOME MISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—*Secretary*, Rev. J. R. Ferguson, Salisbury. 41 churches.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—*Secretary*, Rev. D. Meadowcroft, Perth. 3 churches, 9 preaching stations.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION AND MISSION OF TASMANIA.—*Secretary*, Rev. W. C. Robinson, Hobart Town. 15 churches and 35 preaching stations.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION AND HOME MISSION FOR THE PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.—*Secretary*, Rev. J. T. W. Davies, Auckland. 9 churches. In other Provinces, 6 churches.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA. 4 churches, 8 outstations.

NATIONAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

(Condensed from "Congregational Quarterly," January, 1874, pp. 208-211.)

- THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES—Organized 1871, meets every third year.—Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., New Bedford, Mass., *Secretary*.
- CALIFORNIA, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets in October.—Rev. W. M. Searby, San Francisco, *Registrar*.
- COLORADO, CONFERENCE; meets in October.—Dea. C. H. Sweetser, *Clerk*.
- CONNECTICUT, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets in June.—Rev. W. H. Moore, Berlin, *Registrar*.
- CONNECTICUT, GENERAL CONFERENCE; meets 1875?—Rev. W. H. Moore, Berlin, *Registrar*.
- DAKOTA, CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION; meets spring and autumn.—Rev. S. Sheldon, Vermillion, *Clerk*.
- GEORGIA, ALABAMA, AND TENNESSEE: GENERAL SOUTH CONFERENCE; meets 2nd Tuesday in November.—Rev. G. S. Pope, Selma, Ga., *Rec. Secretary*.
- ILLINOIS, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 4th Thursday in May.—Rev. M. K. Whitteley, Jacksonville, *Cor. Secretary*.
- INDIANA, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets in May.—Rev. N. A. Hyde, Indianapolis, *Secretary*.
- IOWA, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 1st Wednesday after 4th Wednesday of May.—Rev. J. E. Snowden, Oskaloosa, *Registrar*.
- KANSAS, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 2nd Wednesday in June.—Rev. M. C. Ayers, Hamlin, *Clerk*.
- KENTUCKY, STATE ASSOCIATION. No report.
- LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI: SOUTH WESTERN CONFERENCE.—Rev. M. W. Reed, New Orleans, *Cor. Secretary*.
- MAINE, GENERAL CONFERENCE; meets in June.—Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor, *Rec. Secretary*.
- MASSACHUSETTS, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 3rd Tuesday of June.—Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., New Bedford, *Secretary*.
- MICHIGAN, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 3rd Tuesday in May.—Rev. P. R. Hurd, Eaton Rapids, *Secretary*.
- MINNESOTA GENERAL CONFERENCE; meets in October. Rev. H. Burnstead, Minneapolis, *Rec. Secretary*.
- MISSOURI, GENERAL CONFERENCE; meets in October.—Rev. C. C. Harrah, Brookfield, *Secretary*.
- NEBRASKA, CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION; meets 4th Wednesday of October.—Rev. J. B. Chase, Fremont, *Stated Clerk*.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets Tuesday after 2nd Sabbath in September.—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, *Secretary*.
- NEW JERSEY, (including DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND MARYLAND), GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets 2nd Tuesday of October.—Rev. W. E. C. Wright, Philadelphia, *Secretary*.

- NEW YORK, GENERAL ASSOCIATION; meets in October.—Rev. E. Taylor, Binghamton, *Secretary*.
- OHIO, CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE; meets 2nd Tuesday of June.—Rev. A. H. Ross, Columbus, *Registrar*.
- OREGON, CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION; meets 3rd Thursday in June.—Rev. W. R. Bucher, Albany, *Registrar*.
- RHODE ISLAND, CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE; meets in June.—Rev. T. Laurie, D. D., Providence, *Stated Secretary*.
- TEXAS, CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—Rev. D. Peebles, Victoria, *Scribe*.
- VERMONT, GENERAL CONVENTION; meets 3rd Tuesday in June.—Rev. J. Chandler, W. Brattleboro, *Registrar*.
- WISCONSIN, PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION; meets in October. Rev. H. C. Hitchcock, Kenosha, *Stated Clerk*.

SOCIETIES RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

- AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revds. S. B. Treat, and N. G. Clark, *Secretaries*; *Treasurer*, Langdon S. Ward—all at the Congregational House, Boston.
- AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.—Rev. Ray Palmer, 69, Bible House, New York, and Rev. C. Cushing, Cong. House, Boston, *Secretaries*.
- AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Revds. D. B. Coe, A. H. Clapp, and H. M. Storrs, Bible House, New York, *Secretaries*.
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CONGREGATIONAL PERIODICALS.

1. BRITISH.

Quarterly.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Editor.</i>	<i>Publisher.</i>
British Quarterly Review...	Rev. H. Allon, D. D.	Hodder & Stoughton.

Monthly.

Evangelical Magazine	Rev. J. Spence, D. D.,	Hodder & Stoughton.
Congregationalist	Rev. R. W. Dale, M. A.,	do.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Editor.</i>	<i>Publisher.</i>
Homilist	Rev. D. Thomas, D. D.,	Hodder & Stoughton.
Preachers' Lantern	Rev. Paxton Hood,	do.
Christian Family.....	Rev. T. Stephenson and others,	do.
Missionary Chronicle	Rev. Dr. Mullens,	J. Snow & Co.
Christian's Penny Mag'ne..	Rev. F. S. Williams,	do.
Congregational Advance....	Rev. T. R. Atkinson,	Gallie & Son, Glasgow.
Scottish Con. Magazine ...	Rev. J. Stark,	Elliot Stock.
Irish Con. Magazine.....	Rev. J. Sewell,	Hodder & Stoughton.

Weekly.

Nonconformist	E. Miall, M. P.,	Wilcox, 18 Boverie-st.
English Independent		Clarke & Co. Fleet-st.
Christian World	James Clacke,	do.
Christian Shield	Rev. J. Parker, D. D.,	29 Paternoster Row.

2. COLONIAL.

Monthly.

Canadian Independent.....	Rev. J. Wood,	Rev. J. Wood, Toronto.
Victorian Independent	Rev. R. Connebec, Melbourne,	
Tasmanian Independent... ..	Rev. G. Clarke,	
South Australian Independ- ent	Rev. F. W. Cox,	

3. AMERICAN.

Quarterly.

Bibliotheca Sacra.....	Rev. E. A. Park, D. D.,	W. F. Draper, And [over, Mass.-
New Englander	Prof. Kinsley and others,	New Haven.
Congregational Quarterly..	A. H. Quint, } C. Cushing, }	Am. Cong. Union, Boston.

Monthly.

Missionary Herald.....	A. B. C. F. M.,	Boston.
American Missionary	Am. Miss. Association,	New York.
Home Missionary	Home Miss. Society,	New York.

Weekly.

Congregationalist	Rev. H. M. Dexter, D. D.,	Boston.
Advance	Rev. W. W. Patton, D. D.,	Chicago.
Independent (?).....	H. C. Bowen,	New York.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE origin, constitution and transactions of this body are of so much interest to the Congregational Brotherhood generally, that they well deserve permanent record in these pages. We therefore select the following items from the official "Minutes" of the first meeting of the body, held at Oberlin, Ohio, November 15th to 21st, 1871. At that meeting, the Congregational Union of Canada was represented by the Revds. W. F. Clarke and F. H. Marling.

The churches now known as THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES have met in general Council four times before the meeting at Oberlin.

The first "Synod" convened at Newtown, now Cambridge, Mass., August 30, 1637, and dissolved September 22 following. It was called to consider certain opinions then strenuously urged, which were alleged to be erroneous, and which the Synod condemned. The Synod consisted of "all the teaching elders throughout the country," and of "messengers from the churches,"—"about twenty-five godly ministers of Christ, besides many other graciously eminent servants of His." Rev. Peter Bulkley, of Concord, and Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford, were Moderators. The results are found in Weld's "Short Story," published in 1644. The number of churches then existing appears to have been nineteen.

The second "Synod" convened at Cambridge, September 1, 1646; "after about fourteen days" it adjourned to June 8, 1647; met on that day, but, on account of "an epidemical sickness," almost immediately adjourned; met again August 15, 1648, and "ended in less than fourteen days." Its main work was the "Cambridge Platform" of polity, and consent to the Westminster Confession of Faith, "for the substance thereof." The number of churches then existing appears to have been fifty-three.

No general Synod or Council was thereafter held until "A Convention of Ministers and Delegates of Congregational Churches in the United States" met at Albany, N. Y., October 5, 1852, which continued four days. The main subjects were, (1) That of aiding feeble churches in building church edifices, and (2) That of the "Plan of Union" between Presbyterians and Congregationalists, agreed upon in 1801, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Association of Connecticut, whose continuance it declared to be inexpedient. Of that convention, Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D.D., of Maine, was President; Rev. Noah Porter, D.D., of Connecticut, and Rev. Asa Turner, of Iowa, Vice-Presidents; and Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D.D., of New York, Rev. John C. Holbrook, of Iowa, and Rev. L.

Smith Hobart, of Michigan, Secretaries. The number of churches existing in 1852 has not been accurately determined, because of the non-existence of statistical tables at that time. But judging from reports in 1847 and 1858, the number in 1852 was not far from one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

The fourth was the "National Council," which met at Boston, Mass., June 14, 1865, and dissolved June 24. Of this Council, Hon. Wm. A. Buckingham, of Connecticut, was Moderator; Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, of New York, and Hon. Charles G. Hammond, of Illinois, Assistant Moderators; and Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D.D., of Massachusetts, Rev. Philo R. Hurd, of Michigan, Rev. Martyn K. Whittlesey, of Illinois, Dea. Samuel Holmes, of New York, and Rev. Elihu P. Marvin, of Massachusetts, Scribes. The number of churches was then two thousand six hundred and fifty-eight.

The number of churches existing at the time of the meeting at Oberlin, was three thousand three hundred and two.

While there was no general Council between the years 1648 and 1852, several partial Synods, of great importance, were held between these two:—

1. That of March 10, 1662, when it met and continued until July 4; re-assembled September 9, and "soon closed its session." This Synod, which was confined to Massachusetts, was distinguished by the "Half-way Covenant."

2. The Synod known as the "Reforming Synod," which was also confined to Massachusetts, met September 10, 1679, and adjourned on the 19th. It held a second session May 12, 1680, and soon dissolved. The Synod unanimously approved of the Platform of 1648, and adopted, with slight variations, the "Savoy Confession."

3. The Synod which met at Saybrook, Conn., September 9, 1768, was limited to Connecticut. The "Saybrook Platform" distinguishes the Synod.

Local organizations have long existed:—

1. Of Ministers. As early as 1633, the ministers of Boston and vicinity held regular meetings of the same character with those of the present ministerial Associations. They were subsequently suspended, but regularly organized Associations (generally by counties) were in existence prior to the year 1700. In Connecticut, the GENERAL ASSOCIATION, in which the local associations were represented, was formed in 1709. Such General Associations, although only of ministers, served to promote work requiring union. That of Massachusetts, in 1810, appointed the first members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Local Associations of ministers still continue, and some STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

2. Of Churches. The consociations of churches in Connecticut date from 1708. In 1826, the GENERAL CONFERENCE of Maine was organized, uniting the County Conferences of churches. The Conference system spread, until now each State has its organization of that character, both local and general, although not always under that name. In 1871, there are twenty-one such State organizations, and seven others which occupy parts of States, or which group several states. None of them have any ecclesiastical authority. Between these State organizations, intercourse has been maintained by the annual appointment of delegates by each to all the others. The local and State Conference system, and the official recognition of unity by the regular interchange of delegates between the several State organizations, had become the practice of the Congregational Churches.

On the approach of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, the Church of the Pilgrimage, at Plymouth, Mass., invited the churches to meet by delegates at New York, to consider the appropriateness of particular action in celebrating this fifth jubilee. Such a meeting was held March 2, 1870 ; and it appointed a general committee for its purposes.

Among the acts of this committee was the calling of a *Pilgrim Memorial Convention*, which met at Chicago, Ill., April 27, 1870, open to delegates from all the churches in the United States.

Among the resolutions adopted at that large convention were the following:—

Resolved—That this Pilgrim Memorial Convention recommend to the Congregational State Conferences and Associations, and to other local bodies, to unite in measures for instituting on the principle of fellowship, excluding ecclesiastical authority, a permanent National Conference.

The General Conference of Ohio was the first to propose definite action. That Conference appointed a committee to correspond with the other State organizations and propose a convention to mature the plan. The several State organizations approved of the proposed National organization, and appointed committees. The General Association of New York proposed that a meeting of these committees be held in Boston, December 21, 1870, and its committee issued circulars to that effect. The Committee of the General Association of Massachusetts adopted the proposal, and issued invitations accordingly. The official record of that convention is herewith given.

CONVENTION OF COMMITTEES
UPON THE PROPOSAL TO FORM A
NATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

IN accordance with a call issued by a Committee of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, upon suggestion of the General Association of New York, Committees appointed by the several General Associations and Conferences in the United States, on the subject of a National Council, assembled in the Congregational Library Room, Boston, Mass., December 21, 1870, at 12 o'clock noon.

Rev. Dr. Quint read the substance of the action taken by the several State Conferences on the subject of a National Council, and moved the following :

Resolved—That it is expedient, and appears clearly to be the voice of the churches, that a National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States be organized.

After full discussion, in which delegates from all the States represented expressed their views, the resolution was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved—That a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred all suggestions or papers, and who shall report in proper draft what is necessary to the organization of a National Council.

The committee appointed to prepare a draft of action necessary to the organization of National Council, reported. Their report was accepted, and considered article by article. After some amendment, it was unanimously adopted.

At the meeting so held there were present delegates from twenty-five States, seven Societies, and three Theological Seminaries. The body continued in session for six days. Rev. W. I. Buddington, D.D., of Brooklyn, was Moderator; Rev. A. H. Quint, D.D., of New Bedford, Mass., was Secretary. The following Constitution was adopted.

The Preliminary Committee decided to accept an invitation from the churches in Oberlin, Ohio, and issued the call of a National Council to meet there November 15, 1871.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The Congregational Churches of the United States, by elders and messengers assembled, do now associate themselves in National Council :—

To express and foster their substantial unity in doctrine, polity, and work ; and—

To consult upon the common interests of all the churches, their duties in the work of evangelization, the united development of their resources, and their relations to all parts of the kingdom of Christ.

They agree in belief that the Holy Scriptures are the sufficient and only infallible rule of religious faith and practice ; their interpretation thereof being in substantial accordance with the great doctrines of the Christian faith, commonly called evangelical, held in our churches from the early times, and sufficiently set forth by former General Councils.

They agree in belief that the right of government resides in local churches, or congregations of believers, who are responsible directly to the Lord Jesus Christ, the One Head of the church universal and of all particular churches ; but that all churches, being in communion one with another as parts of Christ's catholic church, have mutual duties subsisting in the obligations of fellowship.

The churches, therefore, while establishing the National Council for the furtherance of the common interests and work of all the churches, do maintain the Scriptural and inalienable right of each church to self-government and administration ; and this National Council shall never exercise legislative or judicial authority, nor consent to act as a council of reference.

And for the convenience of orderly consultation, they establish the following Rules :—

I. *Sessions.*—The churches will meet in National Council every third year. They shall also be convened in special session whenever any five of the general State organizations shall so request.

II. *Representation.*—The churches shall be represented at each session, by delegates, either ministers or laymen, appointed in number and manner as follows :—

1. The churches assembled in their local organizations appoint one delegate for every ten churches in their respective organizations, and one for a fraction of ten greater than one-half, it being understood that whenever the churches of any State are directly united in a general organization, they may, at their option, appoint the delegates in such a body, instead of in local organizations, but in the above ratio of churches so united.

2. In addition to the above, the churches united in State organization appoint by such body one delegate, and one for each ten thousand communicants in their fellowship, and one for a major fraction thereof—

3. It being recommended that the number of delegates be, in all cases, divided between ministers and laymen, as nearly equally as is practicable.

4. Such Congregational general societies for Christian work, and the faculties of such theological seminaries, as may be recognized by this Council, may be represented by one delegate each, such representatives having the right of discussion only.

III. *Officers.*—1. At the beginning of every stated or special session, there shall be chosen by ballot, from those present as members, a moderator, and one or more assistant moderators, to preside over its deliberations.

2. At each terminal session, there shall be chosen by ballot a secretary, a registrar and a treasurer, to serve from the close of such session to the close of the triennial session.

3. The secretary shall receive communications for the Council, conduct correspondence, and collect such facts, and superintend such publications, as may from time to time be ordered.

4. The registrar shall make and preserve the records of the proceedings of the Council; and for his aid, one or more assistants shall be chosen at each session, to serve during such session.

5. The treasurer shall do the work ordinarily belonging to such office.

6. At each triennial session, there shall be chosen a provisional committee who shall make needful arrangements for the next triennial session, and for any session called during the interval.

7. Committees shall be appointed, and in such manner, as may from time to time be ordered.

8. Any member of a church in fellowship may be chosen to the office of secretary, registrar, or treasurer; and such officers as are not delegates shall have the privileges of members, except that of voting.

IV. *By-Laws.*—The Council may make and alter By-laws of any triennial session.

V. *Amendments.*—This constitution shall not be altered or amended, except at a triennial session, and by a two-thirds vote, notice thereof having been given at a previous triennial session, or the proposed alteration having been requested by some general State organization of churches, and published with the notification of the session.

A DECLARATION
OF THE
FAITH, CHURCH ORDER AND DISCIPLINE
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL OR INDEPENDENT DISSENTERS.

ADVERTISEMENT.

As there was reason to believe that the opinions of the Congregational Dissenters had been greatly misunderstood and even misrepresented, and that a large body of their countrymen supposed them to be either *Unitarians* or *Methodists*, the attention of the brethren assembled at the general meeting of the CONGREGATIONAL UNION, held in London, May 11, 1832, was invited to the subject, and they were requested to deliberate on the best methods of disabusing the public mind. A DECLARATION of Faith and Church Order was suggested, and the draught of such a document was submitted for their consideration. On a business of such moment, it was determined, however, first to consult the Ministers and Churches of the respective County and District Associations, whether, in accordance with the example of their Nonconformist ancestors, it were desirable to publish a Declaration of the leading articles of their faith and practice; and whether, if deemed advisable, that Declaration should be made by such a statement as that which had been presented to them.

The proposed Declaration was accordingly appended to the printed Report of the Meeting, and in that form submitted for the consideration of the County and District Associations, and was by them generally approved.

On Friday, May 10th, 1833, the Declaration, as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was presented to the Annual Assembly, and by that meeting was unanimously adopted "as the Declaration of the Congregational Body, with the distinct understanding, that it was not intended as a Test or Creed for Subscription," but simply as a summary of "what is commonly believed" by the Congregational Churches.

GEORGE SMITH, }
ROBERT ASHTON, } *Secretaries.*

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY,
Blomfield Street, London, August, 1852.

DECLARATION.

THE CONGREGATIONAL Churches in England and Wales, frequently called INDEPENDENT, hold the following Doctrines, as of Divine authority, and as the foundation of Christian faith and practice.

They are also formed and governed according to the principles hereinafter stated.

PRELIMINARY NOTES.

1. It is not designed, in the following summary, to do more than to state the leading doctrines of faith and order maintained by Congregational Churches in general.

2. It is not proposed to offer any *proofs, reasons, or arguments*, in support of the doctrines herein stated, but simply to *declare* what the denomination believes to be taught by the pen of inspiration.

3. It is not intended to present a *scholastic* or *critical* confession of faith, but

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merely such a statement as any intelligent member of the body might offer, as containing its leading principles.

4. It is not intended that the following statement should be put forth with any Authority, or as a standard to which assent should be required.

5. Disallowing the utility of Creeds and Articles of religion as a bond of union, and protesting against subscription to any human formularies, as a term of communion, Congregationalists are yet willing to declare, for general information, what is commonly believed among them ; reserving to every one the most perfect liberty of conscience.

6. Upon some minor points of doctrine and practice, they, differing among themselves, allow to each other the right to form an unbiassed judgment of the word of God.

7. They wish it to be observed, that, notwithstanding their jealousy of subscription to Creeds and Articles, and their disapproval of the imposition of any human standard, whether of faith or discipline, they are far more agreed in their doctrines and practices than any church which enjoins subscription, and enforces a human standard of orthodoxy ; and they believe that there is no minister and no church among them that would deny the substance of any one of the following doctrines of religion, though each might prefer to state his sentiments his own way.

PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.

I. The Scriptures of the Old Testament, as received by the Jews, and the books of the New Testament, as received by the Primitive Christians from the Evangelists and Apostles, Congregational Churches believe to be divinely inspired, and of supreme authority. These writings, in the languages in which they were originally composed, are to be consulted, by the aids of sound criticism, as a final appeal in all controversies ; but the common version they consider to be adequate to the ordinary purposes of Christian instruction and edification.

II. They believe in One God, essentially wise, holy, just, and good ; eternal, infinite, and immutable, in all natural and moral perfections ; the Creator, Supporter, and Governor of all beings, and of all things.

III. They believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures, as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that to each are attributable the same Divine properties and perfections. The doctrine of the Divine existence, as above stated, they cordially believe, without attempting fully to explain.

IV. They believe that man was created after the Divine image, sinless, and in his kind perfect.

V. They believe that the first man disobeyed the Divine command, fell from his state of innocence and purity, and involved all his posterity in the consequences of that fall.

VI. They believe that therefore all mankind are born in sin, and that a fatal inclination to moral evil, utterly incurable by human means, is inherent in every descendant of Adam.

VII. They believe that God having, before the foundation of the world, designed to redeem fallen man, made disclosures of his mercy, which were the grounds of faith and hope from the earliest ages.

VIII. They believe that God revealed more fully to Abraham the covenant of his grace ; and, having promised that from his descendants should arise the Deliverer and Redeemer of mankind, set that patriarch and his posterity apart, as a race specially favoured and separated to his service ; a peculiar church, formed and carefully preserved, under the Divine sanction and government, until the birth of the promised Messiah.

IX. They believe, that, in the fulness of the time, the Son of God was manifested in the flesh, being born of the Virgin Mary, but conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit ; and that our Lord Jesus Christ was both the Son of man, and

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the Son of God ; partaking fully and truly of human nature, though without sin, —equal with the Father, and “the express image of his person.”

X. They believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed, either personally in his own ministry, or by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of his apostles, the whole mind of God, for our salvation ; and that, by his obedience to the Divine law while he lived, and by his sufferings unto death, he meritoriously “obtained eternal redemption for us ;” having thereby vindicated and illustrated Divine justice, “magnified the law,” and “brought in everlasting righteousness.”

XI. They believe that, after his death and resurrection, he ascended up into heaven, where, as the Mediator, he “ever liveth” to rule over all, and to “make intercession for them that come unto God by him.”

XII. They believe that the Holy Spirit is given in consequence of Christ’s mediation, to quicken and renew the hearts of men ; and that his influence is indispensably necessary to bring a sinner to true repentance to produce saving faith, to regenerate the heart, and to perfect our sanctification.

XIII. They believe that we are justified through faith in Christ, as “the Lord our righteousness ;” and not “by the works of the Law.”

XIV. They believe that all who will be saved were the objects of God’s eternal and electing love, and were given by an act of Divine sovereignty to the Son of God ; which in no way interferes with the system of means, nor with the grounds of human responsibility ; being wholly unrevealed as to its objects, and not a rule of human duty.

XV. They believe that the Scriptures teach the final perseverance of all true believers to a state of eternal blessedness, which they are appointed to obtain through constant faith in Christ, and uniform obedience to his commands.

XVI. They believe that a holy life will be the necessary effect of a true faith, and that good works are the certain fruits of a vital union to Christ.

XVII. They believe that the sanctification of true Christians, or their growth in the graces of the Spirit, and meetness for heaven, is gradually carried on through the whole period during which it pleases God to continue them in the present life ; and that, at death, their souls perfectly freed from all remains of evil, are immediately received into the presence of Christ.

XVIII. They believe in the perpetual obligation of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper : the former to be administered to all converts to Christianity and their children, by the application of water to the subject, “in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ;” and the latter to be celebrated by Christian churches as a token of faith in the Saviour, and of brotherly love.

XIX. They believe that Christ will finally come to judge the whole human race, according to their works ; that the bodies of the dead will be raised again ; and that, as the Supreme Judge, he will divide the righteous from the wicked, will receive the righteous into “life everlasting,” but send away the wicked into “everlasting punishment.”

XX. They believe that Jesus Christ directed his followers to live together in Christian fellowship, and to maintain the communion of saints ; and that, for this purpose, they are jointly to observe all Divine ordinances, and maintain that church order and discipline, which is either expressly enjoined by inspired institution, or sanctioned by the undoubted example of the apostles and of apostolic churches.

PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ORDER AND DISCIPLINE.

1. The Congregational Churches hold it to be the will of Christ that true believers should voluntarily assemble together to observe religious ordinances, to promote mutual edification and holiness, to perpetuate and propagate the Gospel in the world, and to advance the glory and worship of God, through Jesus Christ ; and that each society of believers, having these objects in view in its formation, is properly a Christian church.

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II. They believe that the New Testament contains, either in the form of express statute, in the example and practice of apostles and apostolic churches, all the articles of faith necessary to be believed, and all the principles of order and discipline requisite for constituting and governing Christian societies; and that human traditions, fathers and councils, canons and creeds, possess no authority over the faith and practice of Christians.

III. They acknowledge Christ as the only Head of the Church, and the officers of each church under Him, as ordained to administer His laws impartially to all; and their only appeal, in all questions touching their religious faith and practice, is to the Sacred Scriptures.

IV. They believe that the New Testament authorizes every Christian church to elect its own officers, to manage all its own affairs, and to stand independent of, and irresponsible to, all authority, saying that only of the Supreme and Divine Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. They believe that the only officers placed by the apostles over individual churches, are the bishops or pastors, and the deacons; the number of these being dependent upon the numbers of the church; and that to these, as the officers of the church, is committed respectively the administration of its spiritual and temporal concerns—subject, however, to the approbation of the church.

VI. They believe that no persons should be received as members of Christian churches, but such as make a credible profession of Christianity, are living according to its precepts, and attest a willingness to be subject to its discipline; and that none should be excluded from the fellowship of the church, but such as deny the faith of Christ, violate his laws or refuse to submit themselves to the discipline which the word of God enforces.

VII. The power of admission into any Christian church, and rejection from it, they believe to be vested in the church itself, and to be exercised only through the medium of its own officers.

VIII. They believe that Christian churches should statedly meet for the celebration of public worship, for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and for the sanctification of the first day of the week.

IX. They believe that the power of a Christian church is purely spiritual, and should in no way be corrupted by union with temporal or civil power.

X. They believe that it is the duty of Christian churches to hold communion with each other, to entertain an enlarged affection for each other, as members of the same body, and to co-operate for the promotion of the Christian cause; but that no church, nor union of churches, has any right or power to interfere with the faith or discipline of any other church; further than to separate from such as, in faith or practice, depart from the Gospel of Christ.

XI. They believe that it is the privilege and duty of every church to call forth such of its members as may appear to be qualified by the Holy Spirit, to sustain the office of the ministry; and that Christian churches unitedly ought to consider the maintainance of the Christian ministry in an adequate degree of learning as one of its especial cares; that the cause of the Gospel may be both honourably sustained, and constantly promoted.

XII. They believe that church officers, whether bishops or deacons, should be chosen by the free voice of the church; but that their dedication to the duties of their office should take place with special prayer, and by solemn designation, to which most of the churches add the imposition of hands by those already in office.

XIII. They believe that the fellowship of every Christian church should be so liberal as to admit to communion in the Lord's Supper, all whose faith and godliness are, on the whole, undoubted, though conscientiously differing in points of minor importance; and that this outward sign of fraternity in Christ should be co-extensive with the fraternity itself, though without involving any compliances which conscience would deem to be sinful.

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL UNION
OF
ONTARIO AND QUEBEC,
HELD IN TORONTO, JUNE 10TH TO 16TH, 1874.

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Time and Place of Meeting for 1875 :

Congregational Church, Hughson St., Hamilton, Ontario, Wednesday, 9th June, 1875, at 7.30 p.m., when the Chairman's Address will be delivered.

• Sabbath Morning Preacher :

The REV. ROBERT HAY ; alternate, the REV. W. W. SMITH.

Essays Appointed :

1. “On the Best Modes of carrying into effect the Apostolic injunction,
“ Let all things be done decently and in Order in the Services of the Sanctuary ;
REV. DR. WILKES : alternate, REV. DR. CORNISH.
2. On “The Scriptural Terms of Admission to Baptism and the Lord's Supper ;”
REV. K. M. FENWICK.
3. On “How best to Promote the Efficiency of our Denominational Action ;”
REV. JOHN WOOD.
4. On “Amusements ;” REV. W. MANCHEE.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

I. That the name of this Association be "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC."

II. That it shall consist of Congregational or Independent Churches, and of Ministers of the same Church Order, who are either in the pastoral office or (being members of the Congregational Churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general meeting.

III. That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principle of Congregational Churches, namely the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration, and, therefore, that the Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a court of appeal.

IV. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation :—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches, accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces. 6. To hold consultation on questions of interest connected with the cause of Christ in general.

V. To promote the accomplishment of these objects, and the general interests of the Union, an annual meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated Churches being represented by two lay delegates; the meetings to be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each annual meeting.

VI. That the officers of the Union be a Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Statistical Secretary, Minute Secretary and Committee, all to be chosen annually from its members, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the annual meeting.

VII. That alterations may be made in this constitution by any annual meeting, provided that notice of such alteration has been given at the meeting next preceding.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applications for admission to the Union, whether by churches or ministers, shall be made in writing; and after having been read to the Union, shall be referred to a Standing Committee on membership. Churches so applying shall

present the written recommendation of three members of the Union. Ministers bearing regular letters of dismissal from a kindred Congregational organization, and those who furnish evidence of having completed a course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A., and having been ordained to the ministry, may be received at once on these grounds. Other ministers shall be required to bring proof of (1) their membership in a Congregational Church; (2) their ordination to the ministry; (3) if they have come from any other denomination, their good standing therein; and they shall satisfy the Membership Committee in relation to their literary acquirements, and their doctrinal and ecclesiastical views.

2. The Union shall meet annually on the Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June, at 7.30 p.m., when the retiring Chairman's address will be delivered.

3. The Union shall then be organized under the presidency of the retiring Chairman, or, failing him, the pastor in the place of meeting, by the election of Minute Secretaries and Reporters, the calling of the Roll, and the appointment of Standing Committees on Business, Membership, Nominations, and Finance, on nomination by the Committee of the Union.

4. On Thursday morning, after the devotional exercises, the new Chairman shall be elected, after nomination by the Committee of the Union, or by any member of the Union.

5. After the election of a new Chairman, the Committee of the Union shall present their annual report.

6. The meetings shall be daily opened and closed with prayer; the morning devotional exercises to extend an hour.

7. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded; no member shall speak twice to the same motion without permission from the chair; and every motion shall be presented in writing by the mover, if required by the chair.

8. The roll shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding day read at the opening of each day's session, and the minutes of the last day at the close of the session.

9. The Church in whose locality the annual meeting shall be held shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with such meeting.

10. On the Monday evening during the sittings of the Union, a public meeting of the Union shall be held.

11. Application shall be made by the Statistical Secretary, one month at least before the annual meeting, for statistics of the several Churches, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a condensed narrative of the whole for the annual meeting, and for publication, if so ordered.

12. A collection for the funds of the Union shall be made annually in each Church, on or near the Lord's day prior to the meeting. From this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares, by the cheapest route, of the ministerial members of the Union, and of one delegate from each Church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full, if possible, and of both delegates as soon as the funds suffice; on the understanding that such payment shall not be made until after the final adjournment; except with the leave of the Union.

13. The delegates from the Union to corresponding bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointments by personal attendance, shall address those bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if present at their annual convocations.

LIST OF MINISTERS ASSOCIATED, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Adams, L. P., Fitch Bay, Quebec.
 Baker, Thomas, Hamilton, Ontario.
 Barker, E., Fergus, Ontario.
 Brown, J., Lanark Village, Ontario.
 Brown, R., Middleville, Ontario.
 Burgess, Wm., Edgeworth, Ontario.
 Byrne, J. T., Whitby, Ontario.
 Campbell, J., West Arran, Ont.
 Chapman, C., M. A., Montreal.
 Clarke, Wm., Dresden, Ontario.
 Clarke, W. F., Guelph, Ontario.
 Claris, W. H. A., Sarnia, Ontario.
 Colwell, G. T., Danville, Quebec.
 Cornish, G., LL.D., Montreal.
 Day, B. W., Stouffville, Ontario.
 Denny, Hiram, Alton, Ontario.
 Dickson, J. A. R., Toronto.
 Duff, Arch., Sherbrooke, Quebec.
 Durrant, John, Stratford, Ontario.
 Fenwick, K. M., Kingston, Ontario.
 Fraser, John, Montreal.
 Gibbs, S. T., Whitby, Ont.
 Gray, M. S. Laurel, Ontario.
 Hay, William, Scotland, Ontario.
 Hay, James, Derby Centre, Vt.
 Hay, Robert, Forest, Ontario.
 Hindley, J. I., M. A., Owen Sound, Ont.
 Howell, James, Cold Springs, Ontario.
 Ireland, Ebenezer, Brockville, Ontario.
 Jackson, S. N., M.D., Toronto.

Macallum, D., Athol, Ontario.
 Manchee, William, Guelph, Ontario.
 Marling, F. H., Toronto.
 McGill, A. Ryckman's Corners, Ontario.
 McGregor, A., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 McGregor, Dugald, Manilla, Ontario.
 McKillican, John, Danville, Quebec.
 McKinnon, N., Tiverton, Ontario.
 McIntosh, Wm., Windsor Mills, Quebec.
 Nighswander, D. D., Granby, Quebec.
 Parker, A. J., Danville, Quebec.
 Peacock, W. M., Kingston, Ontario.
 Powis, H. D., Quebec.
 Purkis, G., Waterville, Quebec.
 Reikie, T. M., Belleville, Ontario.
 Robinson, R., Owen Sound, Ontario.
 Salmon, John, B.A., Embro, Ontario.
 Sanders, Henry, Hamilton, Ontario.
 Sanderson, J. G., Ottawa, Ontario.
 Sherrill, E. J., Eaton, Quebec.
 Shipperly, James, Pleasant River, N.B.
 Smith, W. W., Pine Grove, Ontario.
 Snider, S., Coral, Montcalm Co., Mic.
 Stevenson, J. F. LL.B., Montreal.
 Unsworth, J., Georgetown, Ontario.
 Watson, C. P., Cowansville, Quebec.
 Wheeler, Joseph, Albion, Ontario.
 Wickson, A., London, Eng.
 Wilkes, Henry, D. D., LL.D., Montreal.
 Wood, John, Toronto.

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC NOT CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Allworth, John, B.A., Bowmanville, Ontario.
 Allworth, W. H., Paris, Ontario.
 Bulman, R., Markham, Ontario.
 Burchill, R., Georgetown, Ontario.
 Griffith, J., Cobourg, Ontario.
 Heu de Bourke, W. H., Stratford, Ontario.
 McColl, E. C. W., B.A., Ontario.

Osunkerkhine, P. P. (Indian) Penetan-
 guishene, Ontario.
 Pattison, J. S., Inverness, Quebec.
 Silcox, E. D., Edgar, Ontario.
 Silcocks, C. H., Meaford, Ontario.
 Shand, A., M.D., LL.B., Newmarket,
 Ontario.
 Wallace, R. W., B.A., London, Ontario.

LIST OF ASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

Abbotsford, Quebec.
 Albion, Ontario.
 Alton, Ontario.
 Belleville, Ontario.
 Bowmanville, Ontario.

Brantford, Ontario.
 Brigham, Quebec.
 Brockville, Ontario.
 Brome, Quebec.
 Burford, Ontario.

Caledon South, Ontario.
 Cobourg, Ontario.
 Cold Springs, Ontario.
 Colpoys Bay, Ontario.
 Cowansville, Quebec.
 Danville, Quebec.
 Douglas, Ontario.
 Durham, Quebec.
 Eaton, Quebec.
 Edgeworth, Ontario.
 Embro, Ontario.
 Fergus, Ontario.
 Forest, Ontario.
 Garafraxa 1st, Ontario.
 Garafraxa, North, Ontario.
 Georgetown, Ontario.
 Granby, Quebec.
 Guelph, Ontario.
 Hamilton, Ontario.
 Hawkesbury, Ontario.
 Indian Lands, Ontario.
 Inverness, Quebec.
 Kelvin, Ontario.
 Kingston, Ontario.
 Lanark Village, Ontario.
 Listowel, Ontario.
 London, Ontario.
 Manilla, Ontario.
 Markham, Ontario.
 Martintown, Ontario.
 Meaford, Ontario.
 Melbourne, Quebec.

Middleville and Rosetta, Ontario.
 Montreal, Zion Church, Quebec.
 Montreal, Eastern.
 New Durham, Ontario.
 Oro, 1st Church, Ontario.
 Osprey, Ontario.
 Ottawa, Ontario.
 Owen Sound, Ontario.
 Paris, Ontario.
 Pine Grove, Ontario.
 Quebec, Quebec.
 Rugby, Ontario.
 Russeltown, Quebec.
 Sarnia, Ontario.
 Scotland, Ontario.
 Sherbrooke, Quebec.
 Simcoe, Ontario.
 Southwold, Ontario.
 Speedside, Ontario.
 St. Andrews, Quebec.
 Stanstead, South, Quebec.
 Stouffville, Ontario.
 Stratford, Ontario.
 Thistletown, Ontario.
 Toronto, Zion Church, Ontario.
 Toronto, Bond Street, Ontario.
 Toronto, Northern Church, Ontario.
 Turnberry, Ontario.
 Vankleek Hill, Ontario.
 Warwick, Ontario.
 Whitby, Ontario.

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC
NOT CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Churchhill, Ontario.
 Fitch Bay, Quebec.
 Howick, Ontario.
 Kingston, North, Ontario.
 Molesworth, Ontario.
 Norwichville, Ontario.

Saugeen, (Indian) Ontario.
 Tiverton, Ontario.
 Vespra, Ontario.
 Waterloo, Quebec.
 Waterville, Quebec.
 Wroxeter, Ontario.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Chairman.	Secretary-Treasurer.	Statistical Secretary.	Minute Secretary.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Sabbath Preachers.	Essayists.
June 14-19, 1864...	Montreal ..	W. Clarke ..	K. M. Fenwick ..		E. Ebbs	A. Lillie, D.D. ..	Morning. K. M. Fenwick ..	
" 13-18, 1865 ..	Kingston ..	W. F. Clarke ..	Do. ..		J. Wood	E. Ebbs	Evening. J. Robertson	H. Wilkes, D.D.
" 11-17, 1866 ..	Hamilton ..	E. J. Sherrill ..	Do. ..		J. T. Byrne ..	K. M. Fenwick ..	W. F. Clarke ..	E. Ebbs.
" 10-16, 1867 ..	Montreal ..	E. Ebbs	Do. ..		T. M. Reikie ..	J. Fraser	H. Wilkes, D.D. ..	
" 9-15, 1868 ..	Brantford ..	F. H. Marling ..	E. Ebbs		D. Macallum ..	F. H. Marling ..	W. Hay	
" 8-14, 1869 ..	Toronto	H. Wilkes, D.D.	Do. ..		E. Barker	T. Bayne	R. Wilson	H. Wilkes, D.D.
" 13-20, 1860 ..	Montreal ..	A. Lillie, D.D.	Do. ..		J. Wood	R. Robinson ..	W. F. Clarke ..	A. Lillie, D.D.
" 12-17, 1861 ..	Kingston ..	J. Elliot	Do. ..		J. Hooper	J. Elliot	J. Wood	
" 11-16, 1862 ..	Hamilton ..	A. J. Parker ..	Do. ..		C. P. Watson ..	W. Clarke	C. W. Torry	
" 10-15, 1863 ..	Montreal ..	W. Hay	J. Wood		W. W. Smith ..	J. T. Byrne ..	A. Burpee	W. F. Clarke & F. H. Marling
" 8-13, 1864 ..	Brantford ..	T. M. Reikie ..	Do. ..		F. H. Marling ..	A. Duff	U. Balkam	J. Wood.
7-12, 1865 ..	Toronto	A. Duff	Do. ..		G. A. Rawson ..	G. Cornish, M.A.	W. H. Allworth ..	
" 14-19, 1866 ..	Montreal ..	W. H. Allworth	Do. ..		D. Macallum ..	P. Shanks	J. L. Poore	
" 6-11, 1867 ..	Kingston ..	J. Clinie	Do. ..		R. Hay	W. F. Clarke ..	F. H. Marling ..	
" 11-15, 1868 ..	Hamilton ..	R. Robinson ..	F. H. Marling ..	W. W. Smith ..	R. Lewis	J. Wood	H. Wilkes, D.D.	G. Cornish, M.A.
" 9-14, 1869 ..	Montreal ..	H. D. Powis ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	A. Macgregor ..	J. Unsworth ..	W. P. Stowe	W. F. Clarke.
" 8-13, 1870 ..	Toronto	J. Wood	Do. ..	Do. ..	R. Barker	D. Macallum ..	E. Ebbs	R. Lewis.
" 7-12, 1871 ..	Guelph	G. Cornish, M.A.	E. Ebbs	E. Barker ..	S. T. Gibbs ..	H. Wilkes, D.D.	C. Chapman, M.A.	K. M. Fenwick.
" 5-10, 1872 ..	Montreal ..	K. M. Fenwick ..	W. F. Clarke ..	Do. ..	R. W. Wallace ..	T. M. Reikie ..	S. G. Dodd	
" 4-9, 1873 ..	Brantford ..	Enoch Barker ..	J. A. R. Dickson	W. W. Smith ..	J. Salmon, B.A.	W. M. Peacock ..	J. Fraser	E. W. Day.
" 11-12, 1874 ..	Toronto	W. Edgar	K. M. Fenwick ..	W. W. Smith ..	D. D. Nighswander.	S. N. Jackson ..	C. Chapin	W. F. Clarke.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC,

HELD IN TORONTO, JUNE 10TH TO 16TH, 1874.

The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec met in Twenty-first Annual Session in the Northern Congregational Church, in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, June 10th, 1874, at 7.30 P.M.

After devotional exercises, the Retiring Chairman, Rev. Enoch Barker, of Fergus, delivered the Annual Address from the Chair. Subject—"Christian Union ; its Necessity and Possibility."

After the delivery of the Address from the Chair, the Union met for organization. The Committee of the Union, through the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, presented a Report, making the following Nominations, which were unanimously adopted, viz:—

MINUTE SECRETARIES.—Rev. D. D. Nighswander, Mr. Hugh Pedley.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.—Rev. W. F. Clarke (convener), Revds. B. W. Day, Charles Chapman, M.A., and Messrs. G. S. Fenwick, Joseph Barber, R. J. Rodden.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.—Rev. K. M. Fenwick (convener), Revds. John Salmon, B.A. ; J. G. Sanderson, and Messrs. John Matheson, C. R. Black, R. Bennet.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE.—Rev. F. H. Marling (convener), Revds. D. Macallum, R. Brown, D. McGregor, and Messrs. E. H. Arms, H. R. Wales, H. O'Hara.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Mr. James Fraser (convener), Messrs. S. A. Bedford, W. W. Copp, James Smith, H. G. Grist.

On motion, it was ordered that the hours of meeting of the Union, during the present Session, should be from 9 to 12 forenoon, and from 2.30 to 5.30 afternoon.

It was moved and seconded, That the order of business in the printed Programme of Exercises be followed—subject at any time to amendment by the Union. Carried.

The Ministerial Members of the Union, Delegates from Churches, Delegates from other Ecclesiastical Bodies, and Honorary Members, present at the opening session, or whose names were added at subsequent sessions, were found to be as follows:—

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE UNION, 1874.

Rev. E. Barker.
 " J. Brown.
 " R. Brown.
 " J. T. Byrne.
 " C. Chapman, M.A.
 " W. H. A. Claris.

Rev. W. Clarke.
 " W. F. Clarke.
 " G. T. Colwell.
 " G. Cornish, LL.D.
 " B. W. Day.
 " H. Denny.

Rev. J. A. R. Dickson.

" K. M. Fenwick.

" J. Fraser.

" M. S. Gray.

" S. T. Gibbs.

" W. Hay.

" R. Hay.

" J. I. Hindley, M.A.

" J. Howell.

" E. Ireland.

" S. N. Jackson, M.D.

" W. Manchee.

" F. H. Marling.

" D. Macallum.

Rev. D. McGregor.

" W. McIntosh.

" D. D. Nighswander.

" W. M. Peacock.

" H. D. Powis.

" R. Robinson.

" J. Salmon, B.A.

" H. Sanders.

" J. G. Sanderson.

" W. W. Smith.

" J. Unsworth.

" J. Wheeler.

" J. Wood.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Brockville.—Francis Hall.

Belleville.—A. Christie.

Burford.—E. Yeigh.

Caledon, South.—James Davies.

Cobourg.—Henry Evans.

Cold Springs.—William Eagleson.

Douglas.—A. Clark.

Edgeworth.—John Burgess.

Embro.—John Matheson.

Fergus.—John Moffat, G.S. Armstrong.

Forest.—A Rawlings.

Garafraxa.—(First) P. S. Martin.

Georgetown.—James Barber, Joseph Barber.

Granby.—James Nicol.

Guelph.—E. H. Arms, Robt. Thompson.

Hamilton.—H. G. Grist, A. Anderson.

Indian Lands.—Joseph McEwen.

Kingston.—G. S. Fenwick, John McEwen.

Lanark Village.—W. Robinson.

Listowel.—G. S. Climie, P. Campbell.

London.—R. Kettlewell.

Manilla.—A. McGregor.

Markham.—H. R. Wales.

Martintown.—Peter Christie.

Middleville and Rosetta.—Wm. Craig.

Montreal.—(Zion) C. R. Black, C. H. Brooks.

Montreal.—(Eastern) R. Bennet.

Oro.—P. Cavanagh.

Ottawa.—R. J. Rodden.

Paris.—S. A. Bedford.

Pine Grove.—W. Jeffery.

Sarnia.—Thomas Brown.

Speedside.—John S. Armstrong.

Stouffville.—W. Pagan, C. D. Mertons.

Toronto.—(Zion) James Smith, J. D. Nasmith.

" (Bond-st.) J. Fraser, E. A.

Childs.

" (Northern) G. Hague, W. W.

Copp.

Vankleek Hill.—H. Pedley.

Warwick.—T. Lawes.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Revds. R. K. Black and Charles Duff, Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Revds. R. Wallace and J. M. Cameron, General Assembly, Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. W. Bee, Primitive Methodist Conference.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Revds. W. Williams, W. Wooding, B.A., E. D. Silcox, C. H. Silcocks, R. Bulman, J. Allworth, B.A.; Messrs. Robert McKay, S. Locke, R. Wickett, and all Students of the Congregational College of B.N.A.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 11th.

The Union met for devotional exercises and religious conference, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

At 10 o'clock the Union was called to order for business. The roll was called, and several names added.

The Committee of the Union reported, nominating the Rev. Joseph Unsworth, of Georgetown, as Chairman of the Union for the ensuing year. On motion duly made and seconded, the Union unanimously concurred in the nomination. Mr. Unsworth was at once inducted in the chair, and briefly addressed the Union.

The Report of the Committee of the Union was read by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEE FOR 1874.

BELOVED AND HONOURED BRETHREN—Through the loving kindness and tender mercy of our God, we are permitted to meet in our Twenty-first Annual gathering as the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, for the fourth time in the City of Toronto, and for the first time in the Northern Congregational Church, the youngest of the three churches of our order here, which, we are happy to observe, has made such good progress in the space of six years ; and we cordially pray that unto it, and the sister churches in this city, grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied.

It has long been felt that there has been a danger of allowing the energies of the Union to enter more than is good into routine labours in relation to our various organizations ; and in order to obviate this, at the Annual Meeting last year, an endeavour was made to provide for more conference on themes of vital importance to us all as Christians and Christian ministers, and to the churches represented. This year the Committee of the Union have followed in the steps of their predecessors, making the best possible arrangements for the greatest spiritual improvement of the time we shall be together. And if the arousing of spiritual thoughtfulness, and the quickening of spiritual feeling all over the land, the prayers of the churches for our assembly's highest good, and the expressed desires for much blessing of the brethren coming together, mean anything, they foreshadow a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord ; a bestowment of great power from on high ! Let us believingly look for and expect this ! On this the successful prosecution of everything else depends.

By the good hand of the Lord upon us, we have been sustained in our work in these Provinces for the space of forty-one years ; and still, God by His Providence calls upon us to "to go up and possess the land." Much of it yet remains to be possessed. Many towns and cities, centres of influence and power, either have no Congregational Church at all, or have too few to meet the rapid growth of their respective populations. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, during the last three years, the greatly increased tide of immigration has brought to our shores greater numbers of Congregationalists than formerly, for whom, in addition to the godless and unconverted, it is our duty to care. To meet this state of things, it is necessary that we should put forth an effort to build churches where accommodation is needed—a wisely-considered and united effort—an effort that shall declare, through

its self-denial and determination, our love to the principles we have espoused, and the views of Divine love that we hold. The experience of past years has proved that to establish a "Mission" successfully, there must be a building—a local habitation to embody as well as to body forth the name. Can we not lay, in this Union Meeting, the foundation of a "CONGREGATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY," on the same principle as that enjoyed by our brethren in England? Let those who have means give a liberal subscription, and let the churches give an annual collection, and the thing is done! And to give the project a more practical aspect, let us determine to build two new churches in two towns where the prospects are encouraging, *this year*! If we can so determine, the details will not deter any. For here, too, the old proverb holds good: "Where there is a will there's a way."

During the past year our ranks, as a Union, have not been invaded by death. But one dear to many of us, and highly respected by all of us; whose life was pure and noble and fruitful, has been called home. We refer to the Rev. James Porter, of Toronto. He was very useful as a minister, and very exemplary as a private Christian. "He being dead, yet speaketh." We have no doubt the Union will express its sincere condolence with his bereaved family. May God minister unto them the rich and abundant consolations of His blessed Gospel.

We record with gratitude the improvement that has taken place in our affairs during the past year. A band of worthy brethren have come up to our help, and thereby many churches have been refreshed and encouraged, and caused to take heart again, so that they have gone forward bravely to meet their responsibilities.

There have gone forth from our college to assume the pastoral charge of the following churches: Mr. John Allworth, B.A., to Bowmanville; Mr. Joseph Griffith, to Cobourg; Mr. E. D. Silcox, to Oro; Mr. William McIntosh, to Melbourne; while other brethren, the Rev. Robert Hay, now in Forest, and the Rev. E. C. W. McColl, have returned to us from doing service among our kindred, the Presbyterians, one in the United States and the other in Canada. Brethren from England, also, have been called to the pastorate in the following churches: The Rev. Henry Sanders, to Hamilton; the Rev. E. Ireland, to Brockville; and the Rev. R. Bulman, to Markham.

Some changes in spheres of labour have been effected: The Rev. D. Macallum has gone to Indian Lands; the Rev. John Salmon, B.A., of Forest, to Embro; the Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A., of Southwold, to Owen Sound; the Rev. J. Howell, of the Montreal Tract Society, to Cold Springs.

The Rev. George C. Needham, of Embro, has entered again upon Evangelistic work, and is now engaged in the City of Philadelphia, U. S.; the Rev. T. M. Reikie, of Bowmanville, has gone to Britain; the Rev. Richard Lewis, of Belleville, has removed to Hubbardston, Michigan; and the Rev. D. McGregor, M.A., has accepted a call from Liverpool, N. S.

Some progress has been made in church building. A beautiful new church edifice has been erected in Stratford. The Indian Missionary Society has built a sanctuary for the Indian Church meeting in Saugeen. Stouffville has fairly begun to build. Brockville, Sarnia and Kingston have beautified their places of worship, and the latter has also provided for the extinction of its church debt. Cobourg is engaged improving its structure, and Paris, London and Caledon hope to enter upon new erections soon. A substantial

and handsome parsonage has been built in Oro, and one in Speedside. We hail all these facts as indications of progress.

The various recommendations of the Union, at its last gathering, have been faithfully carried out. An address of sympathy with our fellow Congregationalists in England, in their struggle for religious equality, was duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to which an answer has been received. A day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the blessings of the year, was observed by our churches in conjunction with other Protestant denominations. A petition against the exemption of ecclesiastical property or persons from taxation, was presented to the Ontario Legislature on your behalf, by Dr. Clarke, M.P.P. Sermons on Temperance were generally preached in the churches on the third Sabbath of December. We are glad to note the great advance made in the temperance movement throughout the year. We trust that speedily all the efforts put forth will be crowned with a successful legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drink. The important subject of Systematic Beneficence was treated of in our pulpits on the second Sabbath of November. The elucidation and enforcement of the Bible-teaching on this subject cannot be too frequently done, in order that our churches may see and feel the serious responsibilities of their stewardship. All our schemes demand consecrated wealth to carry them on ; and the setting apart of a certain proportion of each member's income is the easiest, wisest, and best way to compass our necessities.

With regard to the reference to this Committee of the Rev. J. Wood's proposed Amendment to Rule 12, the Union Committee think it is not expedient at present to recommend the proposed change in the Rule ; fearing it might in certain cases be unjust to the weaker churches. At the same time the Committee recognize the difficulty which this proposed Amendment was intended to remedy, and have therefore through the *Canadian Independent* appealed to the churches, whose contributions have in past years been entirely inadequate to meet their proportion of the expenses of the Union, to increase their contributions. To this we trust all the churches have taken heed.

Touching Standing Rule No. 1, your Committee agree that "Applications for admission to the Union, whether by churches or ministers, shall be made in writing ; and after having been read to the Union, shall be referred to a standing Committee on Membership. Churches so applying shall present the written recommendation of three members of the Union. Ministers bearing regular letters of dismissal from a kindred Congregational organization, and those who furnish evidence of having completed a course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A., and having been ordained to the ministry, may be received at once on these grounds.

"Other ministers shall be required to bring proof of (1) their membership in a Congregational church ; (2) their ordination to the ministry ; (3) if they have come from any other denomination, their good standing therein ; and shall satisfy the Membership Committee in relation to their literary acquirements, and doctrinal and ecclesiastical views."

Some of the principal churches were visited in the fall of last year, by our honoured brethren the Revds. Dr. Stoughton, Joshua C. Harrison, Thos. W. Aveling, Wm. Aubrey, and Archibald McMillan, of London, and the Rev.

J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., of Reading. By their visit many were refreshed, and their words of kind regard for us and brotherly interest in us, strengthened our hands. We value these visits very highly, even though they be only "passing calls." They serve to bind us closer to the old Fatherland, and to all our beloved brethren there. May they be greatly multiplied in the future!

Before closing our Report, we would record our devout thankfulness to God our Father, for the wondrous manifestations of His gracious power during the past year. From every quarter news has come of Divine working—the quickening of souls dead in sin—the strengthening of feeble Christians—and the general enlargement of the hearts of God's people. The press has been burdened with intelligence of the favour bestowed upon men. Not the religious press alone, but the secular press has been compelled to take knowledge of it. For this grace we cannot sufficiently render praise.

May the present assembly partake largely of the awakened spirit of the time, and may we here realize fully the blessedness and power of the Divine presence in our every session! And, God shall have all the glory! All which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, the Report was received, and referred to the Business Committee.

The Treasurer's Report was next read, and on motion received; and, with the accounts, referred to the Finance Committee.

The paper prepared by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, on "The Introduction of Ministers into the Congregational Body" was next read, and presented to the Union for discussion.

Moved by the Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., and seconded by Mr. Edmund Yeigh, "That the thanks of the Union be tendered to Mr. Clarke for his paper." After a lengthened discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

The Rev. F. H. Marling invited the Alumni of the College to tea at his house on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

After some announcements made, and prayer in which the Union was led by the Rev. William Hay, the Union adjourned till 7.30 P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30, the Chairman took the chair. After the singing of several hymns, and prayer, led by the Revds. W. H. Allworth and W. W. Smith,

The Rev. K. M. Fenwick delivered an address on the present Scottish Revival.

He was followed by the Rev. Mr. McKay, who gave an account of the work in the North of Scotland; and by the Rev. Charles Duff, delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

A collection in aid of the C. C. Missionary Society was taken up.

The Rev. Robert Robinson closed the meeting with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 12th, 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises and Christian conference for an hour. 10 o'clock, Minutes of previous meetings were read, corrected and confirmed.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke presented the Report of the Business Committee

on the "Report of the Union Committee," suggesting certain alterations and additions.

On motion, the Report was adopted, and the amendments incorporated in the Annual Report.

A memorandum from Zion Church, Montreal, in reference to Mr. C. H. Brooks, prospective missionary to Turkey, was next read.

"MEMORANDUM.—At the Monthly Meeting of Zion Church, Montreal, held June 3rd, 1874, it was *inter alia* resolved:—That, inasmuch as Mr. C. H. Brooks, a member of this church, is going out to Turkey as a missionary, under the auspices of the American Board, it is deemed desirable that the church should, with the consent of the donors, raise one half of his official salary from the Missionary contributions; and it hereby resolves that such be done. And further that it be an instruction to its delegates to the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, to lay this matter before the members of that body, with the view and recommendation that other churches, or individuals, in other places, should undertake to raise the other half of the salary; that thus Mr. Brooks may be sustained as a missionary representing the churches of his native land, and that thereby a stimulus may be given to Missionary spirit and efforts.

(Signed) "GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.,
"Church Secretary, Zion Church."

The Business Committee reported as follows:—

"The Business Committee warmly recommend the proposal contained in the above memorandum; and suggest (1) that Mr. Brooks be requested to say a few words in relation to his mission, at the meeting this evening; and (2) that at a later period of this session of the Union, a resolution be passed on the subject."

The Rev. J. G. Manly's resignation of membership in the Union was presented by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Secretary, and, on motion, referred to the Membership Committee.

A letter from Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Recording Secretary of the French Canadian Missionary Society, was read, introducing the Revds. J. T. Byrne, and Charles Chapman, M.A., as representatives of that Society. Referred to the Business Committee.

A letter was read from Rev. Robert Wallace, intimating that Rev. Mr. Cameron and himself were Delegates to represent the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church at the Congregational Union. Referred to the Business Committee.

A letter was read from the Rev. Alexander Hannay, Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, in reply to a letter from this Union, sympathising with the English brethren in their struggle for religious equality.

A letter of Dismission from this Union to the General Association of Michigan was applied for by the Rev. R. Lewis. Also a letter of Dismission from this Union to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, by the Rev. D. McGregor, M. A. Both were referred to the Membership Committee.

Applications for membership in this Union were presented from the

Revds. William Manchee, of Guelph ; Henry Sanders, of Hamilton ; William McIntosh, of Windsor Mills ; and Robert Hay, of Forest. Referred to the Membership Committee.

On motion, the Union adjourned, after prayer, until 7.30 P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

Tea was served in the School-room at 6.30.

The Chair was taken at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. H. Sanders delivered an address on "The *Ministry* for the Times."

The Rev. John Fraser followed, with an address on "The *Church* for the Times."

At the close of Mr. Fraser's Address, Mr. C. H. Brooks gave a few facts with reference to the Mission work in Turkey, in which he expected shortly to be engaged.

The Rev. James Howell made a few remarks, expressing his own personal sympathy with Mr. Brooks in his contemplated enterprise.

Several announcements were made, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 13th.

After devotional exercises and Christian conference for an hour, the meeting of the Union was resumed at 10 o'clock ; the Rev. Joseph Unsworth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

An invitation for the Union to meet in Montreal, next year, was read, and referred to the Nomination Committee.

A communication from the Ontario and Quebec Temperance Leagues was received, and referred to the Business Committee.

A Report of the Committee of Examiners, appointed last year under Standing Rule No. 1, was next read, received and adopted.

A communication from the Eastern Townships Association, on the admission and dismission of members to and from the Union, was received ; and referred to the Membership Committee.

The Business Committee next reported. On motion, the Report was received, and the various items taken up *seriatim* :—

1. "The Business Committee hereby recommend that the discussion on the Chairman's Address, put down in the programme for Tuesday morning, take the place of Dr. Cornish's Paper, at 10.30 this morning ; and that the following Resolution be adopted—*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Union be and are hereby tendered to the ex-chairman, the Rev. E. Barker, for his Retiring Address, in the general spirit of which it fully concurs. But while conceding the right of freely expressing cherished convictions and peculiar views, it will be understood that this Body is not committed thereto."

Moved and seconded that the change of time for the discussion of the Chairman's Address, recommended by the Committee, be adopted—Carried.

On motion the second part was laid on the table.

2. "That the Rev. C. Chapman's statement in regard to the Evangelical Alliance, crowded out of yesterday's programme, be heard after the discussion of the Chairman's Address"—Carried.

3. "That the delegates from the Canada Presbyterian and Methodist bodies

be heard at an early period of the meeting on Monday evening ; and that the Secretary of the Union be instructed to notify and invite them to that effect."—Carried.

4. "That the representatives of the French Canadian Missionary Society be heard on Tuesday morning, at the hour originally named for the discussion of the Chairman's Address."—Carried.

5. *Resolved*, "That the Union has received with pleasure the communication from Zion Church, Montreal, relative to the appointment of Mr. C. H. Brooks as a Missionary of the American Board to Turkey, heartily approve the proposal to make his maintenance the special charge of the Congregational churches in Canada—trusts that the other churches will emulate the noble example set by Zion Church, Montreal—and in view of Mr. Brooks' intended visitation of such places as may invite him, commends him and his prospective work to the sympathy, liberality and co-operation of the churches of our denomination throughout the land."—Carried.

Leave of absence was asked for by the Rev. G. T. Colwell, and Mr. Wm. Eagleson ; which was granted.

On motion, that part of the Business Committee's Report laid on the table was now taken up for discussion.

Moved by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, seconded by the Rev. S. N. Jackson, "That the Resolution concerning the Chairman's Address reported by the Business Committee be adopted." After a lengthened discussion, in which several amendments were proposed and withdrawn, it was finally re-committed to the Business Committee for further consideration.

An invitation on behalf of the Hamilton Church was presented by the Rev. H. Sanders—that the Union meet next year in Hamilton. The Rev. F. H. Marling, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, recommended the invitation.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented, with a recommendation that \$1 be deducted from the allowance for expenses of each Minister and Delegate. Received and adopted.

After several Notices, the Union adjourned with prayer.

LORD'S DAY, JUNE 14, 1874.

The Rev. J. Fraser, of Montreal Eastern Church, preached in the morning and the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., of Montreal Zion Church, in the evening. At the close of the service, the three churches and the members of the Union united in the observance of the Lord's Supper, the pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, presiding, and several of the ministers assisting at the service. The Rev. H. D. Powis, of Quebec, preached in Zion Church in the morning, and the Rev. H. Sanders, of Hamilton, in the evening.

The Rev. R. K. Black, of Milton, Nova Scotia, preached in Bond Street Church in the morning, and the Rev. Charles Duff, M.A., of Brooklyn, Nova Scotia, in the evening.

Children's meetings were also held in connection with all the Sabbath Schools, and many of the pulpits of the city were supplied during the day by members of the Union.

MONDAY MORNING, June 15th.

Devotional exercises and Christian conference for one hour.

The meeting was opened at ten o'clock ; Rev. Joseph Unsworth in the Chair.

Minutes read and confirmed.

On report of the Business Committee, the following items were passed *seriatim* :—

1. That the Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., be heard on behalf of the Evangelical Alliance.

2. That the *Canadian Independent* and *Year-Book* be considered immediately after Mr. Chapman is heard.

3. That the amended Resolution on the Chairman's Address be next submitted.

4. That the Statistical Secretary's Report be laid on the table.

The Report of the Nomination Committee was next received ; and the items adopted *seriatim* :—

1. Place of meeting, *Hamilton*.

2. Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, Ont.

3. Statistical Secretary, the Rev. W. W. Smith, of Pine Grove, Ont.

4. Committee of the Union, the Revds. H. Sanders, J. Wood, E. Barker, G. Cornish, LL.D., F. H. Marling, S. N. Jackson, M.D., J. A. R. Dickson ; and Messrs. H. G. Grist, A. Thomson, G. Hague, J. Fraser, W. Freeland, C. Whitlaw, H. O'Hara.

5. Sabbath morning Preacher, the Rev. R. Hay ; Alternate, the Rev. W. W. Smith.

6. Delegates to the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, 1875 :—The Revds. H. Wilkes, D.D., J. Unsworth, K. M. Fenwick, S. N. Jackson, M.D., J. A. R. Dickson, H. D. Powis, A. Duff, J. Wood (Secretary to the Delegation).

The Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., was now heard on behalf of the Evangelical Alliance.

On the Report of the Membership Committee, the following items were adopted *seriatim* :—

1. That letters of dismissal be granted to the Revds. R. Lewis and Duncan McGregor, M.A. ; the first to the General Association of Congregational Churches of Michigan, the second to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

2. That the resignation of the Rev. J. G. Manly be accepted ; and that his name be removed from the Roll.

3. That the following brethren be received into the membership of the Union :—

(1.) The Rev. Henry Sanders, from England.

(2.) The Rev. William McIntosh, from Congregational College of British North America.

(3.) The Rev. Ebenezer Ireland, from England.

(4.) The Rev. Robert Hay, returned from the United States.

The amended Resolution on the Chairman's Address, reported by the Business Committee, was as follows :—

Resolved—“ That this Union tenders to the Rev. E. Barker its cordial

thanks for his address from the Chair ; and while considering the manifestations of Christian union among all sincere followers of the Lord Jesus Christ an object to be desired and striven for whenever occasion offers—would also record its strong conviction that such a consummation should be sought in combination with the maintenance, in separate Church organization, of the distinctive Scriptural principles on which the Congregational polity is held to be based."

The adoption of the Resolution was moved by the Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., and seconded by the Rev. D. Macallum.

After a lengthened discussion, in which various amendments and amendments to amendments were put to the meeting, and lost, the resolution was carried.

On motion, it was decided that the *Canadian Independent* and *Year-Book* be brought up for discussion at three o'clock afternoon. Adjourned with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting opened with prayer, led by the Rev. Wm. McIntosh.

The Statistical Report was presented by the Rev. W. W. Smith, Statistical Secretary ; and, with some corrections, was adopted, and directed to be inserted in the Minutes of the Union. [See "*Narrative*" and "*Statistics*."]]

The Rev. S. T. Gibbs, of Whitby, asked and obtained leave of absence.

The Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., next addressed the Union on the *Canadian Independent*. The Rev. F. H. Marling presented the claims of the *Year-Book*. A number of orders were given for copies of the *Year-Book* for 1874-5.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hugh Pedley.

Moved by Rev. Professor Cornish seconded by the Rev. Charles Chapman, "That this Union is gratified to hear of the success which has attended the publication of the *Canadian Congregational Year-Book*, and that it is proposed to continue the same ; and it commends the periodical to the favourable notice of the churches, as one fitted for communicating useful and interesting denominational information to their members." Carried.

The Membership Committee's Report was next received on motion, and items taken up *seriatim*.

1. "Recommend the Rev. William Manchee to the membership of the Union." Adopted.

"Having carefully considered the Resolution of the Eastern Townships Association, relative to the reception of members to this Union, your Committee are of opinion that it is not advisable to make any further alteration of the rule on that subject at the present time." Adopted.

The Rev. John Wood next read a paper on "The Scriptural Terms of Admission to Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

Moved by the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Joseph Wheeler, "That without pronouncing any opinion on the sentiments expressed, the thanks of the Union be tendered to the Rev. John Wood for his paper : and that he be requested to complete it." Carried.

On motion, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick was requested to prepare a paper for next year, on the same subject.

A Resolution from Zion Church, Toronto, recommending change in the Financial Year, was presented ; and referred to the Business Committee.

The Business Committee reported the following Resolution :—" That this Union having received from the Ontario and Quebec Temperance Leagues a communication recommending the setting apart of a given Sabbath for special sermons on the temperance question, and soliciting the action of the Union in support of an effort to secure legal prohibition of the liquor traffic—would, without pledging itself to any one line of action in relation thereto, earnestly commend the same to the thoughtful consideration of the churches, in earnest hope that by the introduction of some wise means, in connection with moral influence, the evils of intemperance may be ultimately removed from our country."

The Report was received, and, on motion, adopted.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercise, the delegates from the Canada Presbyterian Church (Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Cameron), the delegate from the Primitive Methodist Conference (Rev. W. Bee), and one of the delegates from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (Rev. R. K. Black) were introduced, and conveyed to the Union the fraternal greetings of the respective bodies they represented.

After hearing the delegates, it was moved by the Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., and seconded by Mr. Geo. Hague, and

Resolved : " That this Union desires to express its gratification in the presence at its meeting of the Revds. R. Wallace and J. M. Cameron, as delegates from the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. Bee as delegate of the Primitive Methodist Conference, and takes the opportunity of reciprocating most cordially the kindly sentiments they have uttered ; and especially would assure them, and the Churches they represent, of its best wishes for their prosperity in the blessed work to which they, in common with all true Christians, have been called.

The Rev. John Salmon, B.A., next addressed the meeting on the subject of " Praise and Promise."

After some announcements, the Rev. J. G. Sanderson closed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 16th.

After devotional exercises and Christian conference for an hour, the Chair was taken at 10 o'clock. The minutes were read, corrected, and confirmed.

The roll was next called, revised, and completed.

It was moved and seconded, " That the rule pertaining to the expenses of delegates from Churches not in connection with the Union be suspended in the case of Clifford and Howick."—Carried.

It being stated there was no Church now at Russeltown, though the name still stood on the Roll of Churches, the matter was, on motion, referred to the Business Committee.

The Business Committee reported ; Report received, and the items considered *seriatim* :—

1. " With regard to the communication from Zion Church, Toronto, the Committee recommend its consideration by the Union, with a view to ascertaining whether the recommendation contained in it is thought desirable and practicable."—Adopted.

2. "The Missionary Society, through its Secretary, having requested that an hour—say from 11 o'clock this morning—be given said Society for the consideration of the rule concerning ordinations, the Committee recommend that the request be acceded to."—Adopted.

3. "That we commend to the earnest attention of the Union the Provident Fund Society, and that the Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., be requested to urge the claims of the Society to the meeting, with the view of securing an annual collection from all the Churches."—Adopted.

4. *Resolved*, "That the cordial thanks of the Union be presented to the various Railway and Steamboat companies that have facilitated the objects of the Congregational Union, by the issue of tickets at reduced fares to its ministers and delegates."—Adopted.

5. *Resolved*, "That the cordial thanks of this Union be tendered to the Churches of Toronto for the generous hospitality they have rendered to the ministers and delegates and ladies of the denomination; and would especially acknowledge the assistance rendered to the transaction of the business of the session by the pastor, deacons and members of the Northern Church, with the earnest hope that the season that has been so full of comfort and pleasure to the visitors, may also prove one of spiritual blessing to the Churches of the City."—Adopted.

The Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., addressed the Union on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

It was next moved, That the Union adjourn for one-half hour, and give place to the Missionary Society.—Carried. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Rev. H. Denny opened the meeting with prayer.

Moved and seconded, "That the consideration of the communication from Zion Church, Toronto, recommended by the Business Committee, be postponed until a later period of the meeting."—Carried.

The Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., next addressed the Union, urging the claims of the Provident Fund Society.

The Rev. K. M. Fenwick moved, and it was seconded by the Rev. M. S. Gray, and

Resolved, "That the Union cordially approve of the objects sought by the Provident Fund Society, and would recommend that the Congregational Churches of the Dominion be urged to take up a collection in its behalf during the year."

The communication from Zion Church, Toronto, recommending "That the financial year of the Churches and the various Societies that meet for Congregational Union meetings, end with the calendar year—that is, on the 31st December," was now considered.

The Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., moved, and Mr. C. R. Black seconded, "That, in reference to the proposal from Zion Church, Toronto, the Union instructs its Statistical Secretary hereafter to call for returns for the period of the calendar year preceding each annual meeting, such returns being expected to be made not later than the 1st March."—Carried.

The Business Committee reported. Report accepted, and the items considered *seriatim*:—

1. "That papers be prepared for the next annual meeting as follows:

"(1.) The best modes of carrying into effect the Apostolic injunction, 'Let

all things be done decently and in order,' in the services of the sanctuary—by Rev. Dr. Wilkes, primary ; Rev. Dr. Cornish, alternate.

“(2.) On the Scriptural terms of Admission to Baptism and the Lord's Supper—by Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

“(3.) How best to promote the efficiency of our denominational action—by Rev. J. Wood.

“(4.) The question of *Amusements*, directed to be considered at this meeting in open conference, had time allowed, having been omitted from the printed programme, and overlooked until this late period of the Session, the Committee recommend that it be made the subject of a paper for next year, to be prepared by the Rev. W. Manchee.”

Adopted.

2. “That at the Annual Public Meeting of the Union, on Monday evening next year, addresses be delivered by brethren appointed at this meeting, who shall act in concert as to the subjects they deal with, it being understood that the exposition of Congregational principles and the discussion of great public questions connected therewith, are to be the prominent themes to be introduced. The Committee beg to suggest that the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., the Rev. F. H. Marling, H. Lyman, Esq., of Montreal, and John Turner, Esq., of Toronto, be the speakers on the occasion in question.”—Adopted.

3. “That Standing Rule No. 4 be amended as follows :—‘ On Thursday morning, after the devotional exercises, the new Chairman shall be elected by ballot, without nomination; a two-thirds vote being necessary to a choice.’”

Moved by the Rev. F. H. Marling, and seconded by the Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., “That the amendment, as proposed by the Business Committee, on Standing Rule No. 4, be laid on the table until next year.” Carried.

Moved by the Rev. F. H. Marling, and seconded by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, “That the word ‘Examination,’ in Standing Rule No. 3, be erased.” Carried.

Reports from delegations to other Religious Denominations were now heard.

On motion, the Chairman, and Secretary, with the Rev. J. Wood, were appointed as a delegation from this Union to the Sister Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

After this, prayer was had, led by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Chairman; and the Union adjourned, to meet in Hamilton, on Wednesday, 9th June, 1875.

NARRATIVE OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1873-4.

There are two things specially deserving of notice in the Reports from the Churches this year : (1) The very considerable movement in the direction of revival, and (2) the many ministerial changes. There never were so many new men settled in one year ; and I think I am correct in saying, there never were so many resignations and changes among those already settled. In almost every case, these can be traced to the strain of living on a salary which, in the universal rise of commodities, has quite ceased to represent its former value.

Very many of the pastors are praying and yearning for a revival, stimulated by the tidings that have come from Scotland. God is more anxious for souls than they; and when earnest prayer and concerted labour are addressed to that end, we may expect the Revival. It always begins in the hearts of God's own people: we must first labour for it there.

The following outlook at the individual churches is chiefly derived from the notes which accompany the returns. The brethren are thanked for their courtesy in furnishing these notes; though there is still the absence to regret of both notes and figures from several churches.

Alton is not flourishing. The S. S. is, however, good, and four of the young people have joined the church. The pastor, Rev. M. S. Gray, has just resigned. Rev. Jos. Wheeler continues his labours at *Albion* (Bolton Village), but the church sends no report. *Brantford*—The church had hopes in winter of a Revival, but Satan hindered. However, many are still longing and praying for it. Evening services well attended, and S. school improving. Several of the scholars have joined the church, and one has lately gone triumphantly "home." The pastor, Rev. J. Wood, is much encouraged by successful efforts to save the young. *Bourmanville*, after being vacant for some months, following the resignation and removal of Rev. T. M. Reikie, has settled and ordained Rev. John Allworth as pastor. In *Brockville* the sanctuary has been closed for a time, with the congregation becoming scattered; but in December last, Rev. E. Ireland, lately from England, was settled as pastor, and things look hopeful. Three members have been added, and a noble spirit of liberality has been evoked. The church edifice has been renovated internally. *Brigham*—a new church in a manufacturing village. Has doubled its membership in this, its second year of existence. Fifteen members added, twelve of them on profession. The young well trained at home and in S. school; more fruit looked for. *Caledon South*—Under the pains-taking ministry of Mr. Davies, this church is steadily consolidating. The year has shown marked success, both spiritually and financially. An effort will be made to build a church and parsonage this year. Hitherto a small "union" chapel has been used. *Cowanville*—Rev. C. P. Watson, pastor. The terrible affliction (cancer) and death of the pastor's eldest daughter (23) last October produced the deepest impression; especially among those who had been associated with her in S. S. labours. Several were awakened, some of whom have professed Christ. In February, the pastor was again called to mourn, in the death of his excellent and devoted wife, who died in great peace, after a lingering illness. And again was affliction sanctified to the church. Much heart-searching resulted, special services followed, and much good was done. Fifty additional seats are found to be necessary in the church, which is otherwise to be thoroughly repaired. Mr. Watson also ministers at Brigham. *Church-hill*—A rural church, connected with Georgetown. A scattered congregation, kind and grateful, but unprogressive. *Cobourg*—Rev. J. Griffith. Weak in numbers, but a cheering note of progress is the remodelling and enlarging of the church. Cost, \$2,000. To be reopened in a few weeks, and without debt. *Cold Springs*—Two years vacant. Rev. James Howell just settled. Expects to open two new stations this year. Neighbourhood prayer-meetings (two), as well as that at church, well attended. Congregations good, prospects encouraging. *Danville*—G. T. Colwell, pastor. Will this year be self-supporting. The three S. schools are doing much good. Congregations good,

Some converts are now before the church for membership. *Douglas* is without a resident pastor, since removal of Rev. R. Brown to Lanark; but is under the temporary oversight of Rev. E. Barker, of Fergus. The church is reported as in a prosperous condition. *Embro*—Since last report, Rev. J. Salmon has become pastor, leaving Forest and Warwick churches. The late pastor, Rev. G. C. Needham, has removed to the United States. We are told of nineteen members added in profession, and that a parsonage is this year to be built. The work steadily and slowly going on. No financial figures. *Eaton*—Rev. E. J. Sherrill. A village church that never grows strong; but is continually building up other churches, through the emigration going on. The pastor says, "The young leave us; whole families remove; but those who remain seem to renew their strength and zeal and purpose." After a lengthened service in this church of thirty-six years, the pastor has resigned, but continues his oversight till a new pastor is secured. *Erin North*—Connected with Alton. Though no increase in membership, improvement is visible. The Bible class is doing a good work. *Fergus*—The village has been depressed, and many removals, affecting the church also, yet nine have been added on profession. Harmony and love prevail. Wrought in connection with the neighbouring rural church, Garafraxa First, by the Rev. E. Barker. *Forest*—Rev. R. Hay settled in spring, as successor to Mr. Salmon. Has also under his charge the two rural churches in Warwick, and the church at Watford. Has hopes of a good work beginning in some parts of his field. *Frome*—Without a pastor since Rev. J. I Hindley removed to Owen Sound, yet Sabbath services constantly kept up by deacons or students. A vigorous S. school of 100 members. Have just given a call to Rev. E. C. W. McColl. *Fitch Bay and North Stanstead*—Rev. L. P. Adams. Only figures given. *Garafraxa First*—A large and well established rural church, connected with Fergus. Does not seem to have made much spiritual effort this year, yet a door for much usefulness in the neighbourhood is open. *Granby*—With a branch church at *Abbotsford*, Rev. D. D. Nighswander. *Abbotsford* is dwindling; Granby shows a somewhat increased interest in spiritual things. A number who are Christians, strangely stand aloof from membership. Five S. schools are in operation, and doing good. A new station from time to time occupied. *Guelph*—Rev. W. Manchee has just completed his first year here. All the spring a pleasing revival has been in progress. Up to date of report thirty-one had been received on profession during the year, and thirteen stood proposed. "An Inquirers' Class," many attending; a general "Fellowship Meeting," women as well as men taking part; a "Christian Band," members from eight to fifteen years; and a "Fellowship Meeting" for young people, are some of the outgrowths of this Revival. Signal answers to prayers, offered for individuals by name. Teachers have aimed and prayed for the conversion of their whole classes, and been blessed. Much *personal effort* for souls. Old members much stirred up. *Georgetown*—Rev. J. Unsworth pastor for twenty-one years. Progress slow, all peaceable and pleasant, but no revival. Yet, from the fact that it is so mourned over, comes hope that the yearning will be satisfied. *Hamilton*—Since last report, Rev. H. Sanders has been obtained from England as pastor. This vigorous city church has been well accustomed to hearty work in the Lord's cause, and still finds its work to do. *Howick*—Connected with *Turnberry*, but under the immediate care of Mr. R. Wickett,

Evangelist. A new station opened in the village of *Clifford*, with a large attendance, and excellent spiritual prospects. A church edifice, for some time used, is to be purchased, and a S. school will immediately be begun.

Indian Lands—Rev. D. Macallum has been settled as pastor. Only figures given. *Kingston*—The Quarter-century services, in connection with the pastorate of Rev. K. M. Fenwick, have been described in the Magazine. A fine exhibition of Christian feeling among the members, and a handsome and well deserved gift to the pastor. Nine have professed faith since the new year, others are anxious. Several S. S. scholars converted. Prayer meetings large, and deeply interesting. Church debt all paid. *London*—Rev. R. W. Wallace. Thirty new members. A quiet and pleasing spirit of revival throughout the year. A "Personal Appeal" Society formed; results good, members inclined to work. Out-stations promising. New church to be built. *Listowel*—Mr. E. Rose. Special services of a quickening character for four weeks in spring. Union and christian feeling among members. New families coming in as hearers. S. school efficient. *Lanark First*—Rev. R. Brown. S. school kept open all winter, for first time, with unbounded satisfaction. Several scholars anxious. Pastor re-echoes the sentiments of his brother, expressed below, and calls for help. *Lanark Village*—Rev. J. Brown. Spiritual state of church low, yet two members received, and five stood proposed. Mr. Brown has visited Carleton Place several times, and is anxious some one should be sent to that town and vicinity. In connection with his brother, services for seventeen nights were held in Dalhousie; many were refreshed; also four nights in N. Sherbrooke. He intends to do more of this work, and thinks there is a large region around him, "white unto the harvest." It will be remembered it was in this very region the revival took place twenty years ago, in which at least 500 souls were converted. *Montreal, Zion*—This active church has entered upon the work of extension, and secured the services of Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., of Reading, England, as co-pastor with Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., who will preach alternately in Zion Church and a hired hall, till a new church building can be completed. A Building Fund (which does not appear in this year's figures) is being raised. Two S. schools, with fifty-nine teachers, are vigorously carried on. A young member of the church, Mr. C. H. Brooks, has acted for six months as an assistant; but now leaves to prepare for going to Turkey in Asia as a missionary of the Am. Board of C. F. M., Zion Church guaranteeing half his support. *Montreal, Eastern*—Rev. J. Fraser—has suffered from changes in the congregation, few now remaining of the small band that originally came from Zion Church; yet present members seem inclined to work, and the younger portion have heartily taken hold of the S. school, which flourishes accordingly. *Melbourne*—Rev. W. McIntosh has been ordained pastor. Prospects brightening for the church. The pastor is anxious to occupy Richmond also (a larger village than Melbourne,) and the people wish it; but having three churches already, he cannot give Richmond a sabbath service, unless more help could be sent. *Manilla* only furnishes statistics: but five preaching stations, with an aggregate of 600 hearers, three regular Sabbath services, and others regular and occasional in the week—show that our brother, Rev. D. Macgregor is hard at work. *Meaford* has been sadly scattered, but Rev. C. H. Silcocks has now, for nearly a year, been in charge of the church. The building has been put in better order; but the people, as yet, are very few. *Markham and*

Unionville—Since last report, Rev. R. Bulman, from England, has settled as pastor over this church. In Markham Village there is an awakening among the people generally; let us hope this church may share in the blessing. The S. school is improved. *Martintown and Roxboro'* are connected with *Indian Lands*, under the care of Rev. D. Macallum. *Newmarket*—A mission station, where formerly an organized church existed. Rev. A. Shand, M.D., in charge. Congregations reported steady, but not large. Some accessions. *Ottawa*—Rev. J. G. Sanderson says, the increase of membership, though not large (17,) is greater than in any previous year of the church's history. *Owen Sound*—Rev. J. I. Hindley settled as successor to Rev. R. Robinson. Membership and congregation somewhat increased. Pastor invited to preach at an out-station, where some support is also tendered. *Oro*—Rev. E. D. Silcox. Only figures given. A parsonage built. *Paris*—A well organized church in an important town; Rev. W. H. Allworth. Yet revival much needed. More losses than usual from removals. A few coming in, and some inquiring. S. school working well. Intended to build church, but circumstances hindered. *Pine Grove*—Special services in winter. Six conversions, five joined the church. Members refreshed, yet progress very slow. *Quebec*—After former severe depletions from removals westward, this church is now in a more encouraging state than ever before, and occupies a more important position. Accessions to the congregation have caused the gallery, in addition to the body of the church, to be occupied with family pews. Rev. H. D. Powis. *Rugby*—Connected with Oro; figures only given. *Sarnia*—A resuscitated cause, in a growing town; Rev. W. H. A. Claris, pastor. Twenty-three members: recommenced twenty months ago with seven. Three prayer meetings, and young people's class every week. Some heads of families seeking admission to the church. *Stratford*—Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck. A weak church, yet congregation very much increased since a beautiful brick church has been built and opened. "If it were not for the remaining debt," the pastor says, "we could be independent of all aid." *Stouffville*—Rev. B. W. Day. A handsome brick church in progress. S. school flourishing. A Revival longed for, especially to reach the families of worshippers. *Scotland*—Rev. W. Hay, twenty-seven years pastor (with one year's interruption.) Membership somewhat increased, but no Revival. *Saugeen*—Indian church on Lake Huron shore. Six members added, two of them on profession. One pagan woman baptized. The native preacher has organized a Pastor's Bible Class, as a "Y. M. C. Assoc." Good can be done under any name. Preaching well attended. *Toronto, Zion*—The financial figures given are for the year ending 31st December, 1873. The report of forty-three added to the church, twenty-five of them on profession, is cause for great gratitude. As the report comes to hand, comes also word of a precious Revival in the church, and many souls saved. A Church Visitor has been employed for some time, with satisfaction and success. *Toronto, Bond Street*—Marked increase in attendance, pressing hard on the seating space. Successful inauguration of "Benevolent Fund," for systematic contributions to denominational objects. Internal peace. Hearty celebration of "Quarter-century" of church's history; memorial volume issued, &c., with handsome gift to the pastor. S. schools flourishing. Spiritual life and activity, however, somewhat lacking. *Toronto, Northern*—The year has been one of peace and progress. Thirty-eight have been received into church

membership. *Thistle-town*—Connected with Pine Grove. A struggling cause in a decaying village. A good S. school steadily maintained. *Tiverton*—An isolated rural church, Rev. N. Mackinnon. The old members mostly Gaelic immigrants. The young people need more attention. *Vankleek Hill and Hawkesbury*—Under Vankleek Hill in the tables, the figures for Hawkesbury are also included. Supplied by a student for the summer. *Vespra*—Rural church connected with Oro. A few earnest men in connection. *Waterville*—Rev. George Purkis. Much afflicted in his own body, and with sickness in his family last year, the pastor now thanks God for mercy to him and his. One station dropped, and one, more promising, begun. Service also at Capelton, a copper-mining village. Five new members there. At another station, hearers mostly Universalists, yet hear with interest. *Whitby*—Rev. S. T. Gibbs. In membership and prosperity this church had reached a low ebb; and our brother labouring there finds it slow and toilsome work to raise it up again. Only figures are reported. *Watford*—Connected with Forest. One Sabbath service, three weeks out of four. This church and Ebenezer Church, Warwick, should have the undivided services of a pastor. *Warwick, Zion*—Connected with Forest. Congregations reported good. No debt. *Warwick, Ebenezer*—Same as above. No financial figures from these three churches.

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1873-1874.

Some emendations were made this year in the Blank Returns sent out, in the direction of perspicuity and fulness; and we are now able to present the Statistics of the individual Churches, with an approach to completeness of detail. A very few Churches—chiefly small “vacant” Churches—have failed to make returns. In order to condense the Tables as much as possible, several items and totals are omitted, or only obscurely indicated, as, for instance, the No. of Church Edifices, total No. of Members Added, No. of Parsonages, No. of Sabbath Schools, etc. These are all given in the Summary below.

The additions to Membership have been somewhat larger than reported last year—441 against 396. On “Profession,” 276 against 231. The Finances are healthy—a total expenditure of \$73,488, against \$64,920 last year. One item is very gratifying:—no attempt had been made to obtain the indebtedness of the Churches on their property, and it was feared that the Grand Total last year, “Total Value of Church Property,” \$306,420, covered over a large amount of indebtedness on the property. But after the Question about “indebtedness” is answered as universally and fully as any of the other questions, we find that it only amounts to \$12,403; distributed among 19 Churches. The Gross value of Church Property, this year, is returned at \$367,785, as against \$306,420 last year. The Sabbath School figures are probably more complete and satisfactory this year than ever before. “Union” Schools were sometimes returned, and sometimes not; and when returned as “Union” Schools were generally omitted in the Tables. Yet some of those Schools belonged wholly or *almost* wholly to the Churches returned—were like the London Missionary Society, Congregational in fact, though undenominational in Constitution. The question sent out this year was “Q. 12.

Number of Sabbath Schools carried on wholly or principally by Your Church or Members ? Teachers ? Scholars on Roll ?” The valuable Institution of “ Pastor’s Bible Class,” is, we are glad to see, somewhat extending—15 Classes are reported ; with 458 members in all. Our beginning to ask, two or three years ago, for returns under this head, has doubtless in some instances, stimulated the formation of a Class. We hope to stimulate the formation of “ Infant Classes ” in the same way.

	Reported 1874.	Reported 1873.
Pastors in Office.....	55	54
Their Churches.....	72	
Whole Number of Churches.....	89	85
Regular Preaching Stations.....	113	118
Total ordinary Attendance at all Stations....	12,820	9,985
Additions to Membership :		
By Profession.....	276	231
By Letter.....	165	150
Total	441	396*
Losses :		
By Death.....	49	54
By Letter.....	111	117
By Excision.....	101	69
Total.....	261	240
Net Gain	180	156
Present Membership :		
Male.....	1,647	1,523
Female.....	2,756	2,439
Total.....	4,658*	4,404*
Baptisms :		
Infant.....	306	225
Adult.....	19	16
Sabbath Schools.....	76	
Teachers and Officers.....	744	541
Scholars on Roll.....	6,401	5,464
Church Edifices.....	81	81
No. of Sitzings.....	20,610	19,340
Value, including land.....	\$332,235	
Parsonages.....	20	18
Value, including land.....	\$25,500	
Total Value of Church Property.....	\$367,785*	\$306,420
Net value, debts deducted.....	\$355,382	
Church Edifices insured.....	55	
Amount raised for local Church Objects....	\$55,101	\$48,399
Do. for Denominational objects.....	\$8,976	\$6,809
Do. for Foreign, French, & Indian Missions	\$1,852	\$2,398
Do. for General Religious and } Benevolent Societies. }	\$7,629	\$6,814
Total as Reported.....	\$73,488	\$64,920

The Tables will give the figures in detail.

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* Sometimes “ totals ” only are returned ; hence apparent, (not real) discrepancies.

No. I.—STATISTICS (PERSONAL) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC FOR THE YEAR, MAY 6, 1873, TO MAY 6, 1874.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Name of Church.	Name of Minister.	Entered Ministry.	Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Preaching Stations.	Number of Sabbath Services.	Number of Week-day Services.	Ordinary Attendance at Principal Station.	Ordinary Attendance at all Stations.	Members added on Profession.	Members added by Letter.	Members dismissed by Letter.	Members cut off or dropped.	Present Membership—Male.	Total Membership.	Non-resident Members.	Sabbath School Teachers and Officers.	Scholars on Roll.	Members of Pastor's Bible Class.	Baptisms.
1 Amherstburg	Vacant	1839	1845	Private	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	5	45	...	...
2 Alton	Joseph Wheeler	1839	1845	Private	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	2	10	115	...	...
3 Albion	Matthew S. Gray	1857	1871	Private	1	1	...	100	100	6	1	1	2	22	22	...	5	50	...	1
4 Belleville	Vacant	1874	1874	Cong. Col.	1	2	1	65	65	...	...	3	2	9	25	4	6	35	...	1
5 Bowmanville	John Allworth, B.A.	1874	1874	Cong. Col.	1	2	2	250	250	7	...	1	7	38	24	4	17	150	...	5
6 Brantford	John Wood	1853	1853	Cong. Col.	1	2	1	90	90	3	...	...	1	8	18	15	5	30	...	2
7 Brockville	Ebenezer Ireland	1870	1873	Nottingham	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	...	13	120	...	6
8 Burford	(See Scotland)	1872	1872	...	1	2	1	130	130	6	...	1	1	12	34	...	12	130	...	...
9 Caledon, South	James Davies	1853	1853	...	1	1	1	100	100	...	...	1	3	13	44	1	3	20	...	11
10 Church Hill	(See Georgetown)	1873	1873	Cong. Col.	1	2	1	50	50	...	1	1	...	7	20	...	7	50	...	9
11 Cobourg	Joseph Griffith	1835	1874	Turvey	1	2	...	120	120	3	...	1	...	18	58	2	6	50	...	...
12 Cold Springs	James Howell	1835	1874	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13 Colpoys Bay	Vacant	1874	1874	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14 Douglas	(See Fergus)	1839	1860	...	1	1	...	200	200	4	2	2	...	17	42	2	6	50	...	...
15 Edgeworth	William Burgess	1862	1873	Vict. Col.	1	1	4	40	40	54	17
16 Embro	John Salmon, B.A.	1862	1873	...	1	2	...	350	350	19	135	...	4	31

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.—Continued.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

69	Abbotsford	(Included with Granby)	1873	1	1	1	140	12	3			11	26		7	76	2
70	Brigham	(See Cowansville)	1866														
71	Brome	No report															
72	Cowansville	Chas. Poole Watson	1857 1866	3	3	1	150	8		1	2	24	62		12	90	9
73	Danville	G. T. Colwell	1856 1873	4	3	2	150	250		2	3	69	10	100	8		6
74	Durham	(See Melbourne)	1874														
75	Eaton	Edwin J. Sherrill	1857 1858	2	2	2	100	200	1	2	1	14	54	9	15	135	3
76	Fitch Bay	L. P. Adams	1840 1854	7	6	1	50	300		1	1	24	60	13	6	45	1
77	Granby	D. D. Nighswander	1873 1873	2	3	1	175	300	3	3	1	55	137	6	17	155	10
78	Inverness	Vacant															
79	Montreal, Zion	{ Henry Wilkes, D.D. Charles Chapman }	{ 1832 1836 1857 1871 }	2	4	2	850	970	17	19	12	11	179	456	23	59	25 30
80	Montreal, East'n.	John Fraser	1852 1871	1	2	1	110	110	1	3	4		26	70	2	19	107
81	Montbournie	William McIntosh	1874 1874	1	1		90	90			1	14	32	5	11	98	12
82	Quebec	Henry D. Powis	1853 1857	1	2	1	200	200	8		1	3	27	81	4	75	13
83	Russeltown	No report															
84	Sherbrooke	Archibald Duff	1841 1862	3	3	2	200	300	2	4	2	3	48	118	17	21	140 31
85	St. Andrews	Vacant		3	2	1	100	150			3		22	2	2	12	
86	Stanstead, South.	James Hay	1852 1873														
87	Waterville	George Purkis	1867 1867	4	3	1	55	200	1	5	2		22	46	5	35	3
88	Windsor Mills	(See Melbourne)	1874														
89	Waterloo	No report															
Total				113	128	70	9965	12820	276	165	111	49	101	1647	4658	258	744 6401 458 325

No. II.—STATISTICS (MATERIAL, HISTORICAL AND FINANCIAL,) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN ONTARIO
AND QUEBEC FOR THE YEAR, MAY 6, 1873, TO MAY 6, 1874.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Name of Church.	When organized.	Number of Pastoral Settlements.	Material of Church Building.	Sittings.	Insured. Deed Registered.	Material of Parsonage.	Land attached.	Insured. Deed Registered.	Changes and Improvements in Church Property.	Value of Church Building and Site.	Value of Parsonage and Land.	Indebtedness on Church Property.	Net Value of Church Property.	Raised for Local Church Objects.	Raised for General Denominational Objects.	Raised for Indian, French and Foreign Missions.	Raised for other Benevolent Objects.	Total.
1 Amherstburg	1845	1	Fr ^{me}	200	I					2000			2000					2000
2 Albion	1839	6	Fr ^{me}	200	I R		4a	R		1100	300		1400	313	30		10	353
3 Alton	1859	4	Fr ^{me}	300	I R					4900			4900					
4 Belleville	1839	4	Fr ^{me}	200	I R	Br	4a	I R	Organ and lights, \$300	2300	2000	300	4000	700	100	10	60	870
5 Bowmanville	1834	4	Brick	500	I R					13000		800	12200	1582	144	34	100	1860
6 Brantford	1843	8	Stone	400	I R				Painted and repewed	10000		180	9820	500	33			533
7 Brockville	1836	7	Fr ^{me}	200	I R	Fr							2600					
8 Burford	1837	6							About to build church					266				266
9 Caledon, South	1848	2	Fr ^{me}	250	R					600			600					
10 Church Hill	1835	7	Brick	150	I R				Church remodelled, \$1500	3000			3000	1400	30			1430
11 Cobourg	1840	3	Fr ^{me}	150	I R	Fr	1a	I R					1200	250	40			290
12 Cold Springs	1858	1																
13 Colpoys Bay	1868	1	Brick	200	I					1500		100	1400	240	30		10	280
14 Douglas	1860	1	Log	60	R				Church weather-boarded and improved	350			350	40	24		6	70

1872	2	Brick	150	I R	Building a parsonage.	1700	86	17	103
1873	2	Brick	220	I R	Church painted within	900	317	37	391
1874	5	Brick	200	I R	Improvements, \$70.	600	800	15	22
1875	4	Brick	170	I R	Improvements, \$70.	800	2000	40	50
1876	4	Brick	200	I R	Improvements, \$70.	2000	2000	2	18
1877	1	Log	100	I R	Improvements, \$70.	2000	275	43	20
1878	5	Brick	200	R	Improvements	1000	586	122	718
1879	9	Stone	500	I R	Improvements	11000	1300	150	1730
1880	6	Brick	350	I R	Improvements	7500	3268	130	3703
1881	2	Brick	280	I	Parsonage painted	700	210	...	210
1882	4	Brick	200	R	Debt paid, church im-	1225	400	57	479
1883	1	Stone	400	I R	proved, \$900.	16000	3318	634	4221
1884	3	Brick	150	I R	New church site, parson-	900	...	...	...
1885	9	Brick	350	I R	age sold	6000	2100	116	2241
1886	3	W	220	I R	Wood shed, fruit trees	1700	710	65	795
1887	3	Brick	350	I R	New stoves and lights	4400	4300	420	550
1888	4	Brick	250	I R	Painting, organ, &c., \$340	1000	1630	580	610
1889	2	Brick	300	I R	Painting, organ, &c., \$340	1100	1100	320	398
1890	7	Brick	380	I R	Martham church im-	2800	446	77	538
1891	3	Brick	400	R	proved outside.	1800	128	29	167
1892	2	Brick	200	I R	\$50 debt pd., paintg., &c.	1300	95	...	95
1893	3	Brick	120	I R	...	300	...	...	...
1894	5	Brick	250	I R	\$1000 debt pd., bal. subs.	10000	9200	1550	1721
1895	3	Brick	250	I R	Parsonage built	1000	2300	700	743
1896	2	Log	250	I R	Parsonage improved	4000	4000	600	600
1897	5	Stone	300	I R	Organ and improvements,	3500	6700	1202	1816
1898	4	Brick	300	I R	\$500.	4000	1020	52	1072
1899	5	Brick	300	I R	Pulpit and pews	4000	1000	200	229
1900	3	Brick	200	I R	Painted, roof rep'd, new	1000	23	27	650
1901	1	Brick	60	R	...	460	60	...	...
1902	3	Brick	350	I R	...	3000	500	20	545
1903	52	Simcoe	10540
1904	...	Carried forward.	131535	18900	4383	30963

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

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MINUTES
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TORONTO:
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OFFICERS OF THE UNION FOR 1874-5.

Chairman—Rev. A. McGREGOR, Yarmouth, N. S.

Secretary—Rev. W. WILLIAMS, Sheffield, N.B.

Missionary Secretary—Rev. R. K. BLACK, Milton, Queen's Co., N. S.

Treasurer—JAMES WOODROW, Esq., St. John, N. B.

Committee.

Rev. S. G. Dodd,
“ J. R. Kean,
“ S. Sykes,
Hon. F. Tupper,

Hon. Isaac Burpee, M.P.
Messrs. Freeman Dennis,
H. P. Bridges,
W. Anderson.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in Brooklyn, N. S., in September, 1875.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia & New Brunswick.

1. This Corporation shall be called "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK."

2. This Corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Acts of Incorporation by the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the year 1862; of Delegates from Congregational churches that have been recognized and admitted to the fellowship of this Union, such Delegates not to exceed two in number from each church; and of ministers of the same church order, who shall be recognized and admitted as members at the annual meetings of the Union.

3. The Corporation shall have in connection with it an Honorary Membership, with the privilege of a share in its deliberations and business, but without the right to vote. And all officers of this Union, or members of "The Union Committee," or of any of the Committees of the Union, not being members of the Union, shall be considered Honorary Members; and the Union may elect such persons to Honorary Membership for the session as it may deem proper and advisable.

4. This Union is founded on the full recognition of the distinctive principles of Congregational churches, namely: the Scriptural right of every separate church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration; and, therefore, this Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a Court of Appeal.

5. The following are the objects contemplated in its formation:—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational Denomination, especially by such means as Missionary efforts, educating young men for the ministry, and aiding or sustaining weak churches in the body. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational churches in these Provinces. 5. To hold consultation on questions of general interest connected with the cause of Christ.

6. To promote the accomplishment of these objects and the general interests of the Union, an Annual Meeting of its members shall be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each Annual Meeting, or, if necessary, by the Committee of the Union.

7. The Presiding Officer shall be a Chairman or President, chosen by the Union from its delegates or personal members in the early part of each Annual Session, and shall also be the Chairman of the Union Committee.

8. The other officers shall be a Secretary, a Missionary Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other members as shall be elected to compose the remainder of the Union Committee.

9. The affairs of this Union, as now incorporated, shall be under the control and management of the Union Committee, consisting of the President or Chairman of the Union, the Treasurer and Secretaries, and such other persons being members of Congregational churches in connection with this Union as shall be

elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee to be under the direction of the Union, to execute its instructions, prepare a docket of business for its Annual Meeting, and to act for and on behalf of the Union in all matters requiring action between the time of the meetings of the Union, which action shall be subject to the approval of the Union when it meets for business.

10. The Secretary of the Union shall be the Secretary of the Union Committee, and shall have charge of the Books of Records, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Union, and shall have charge of the general correspondence of the Union, except such correspondence as relates purely to matters of a Missionary character.

11. The Missionary Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence which is purely of a Missionary character.

12. This Union shall meet on the Thursday following the first Sunday in July, of each year, or as near thereto as advisable or practicable, for organization, the Chairman elected the previous year presiding, failing whom one of the officers or members of the Union Committee.

13. All applications for admission to personal membership shall be made through the Secretary, who shall report them to the Union at its Annual Meeting, and be at once referred to the Membership Committee for full enquiry. Upon their report that the evidence of good standing is sufficient and satisfactory, the applicants shall be eligible for immediate admission by unanimous vote; failing to obtain which, they shall stand proposed by consent of the Union (with the privilege of Honorary Membership), until the next Annual Meeting, at which, after a further report from the Membership Committee, they may be fully received by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union in attendance.

14. A church may depute as its delegate to the Union Meeting, a member who may be in good standing in any other Congregational church.

15. The Union may appoint on its Committees members of churches in connection with the Union, who are not personal members or delegates.

16. Applications shall be made by the Secretary, one month at least before the Annual Meeting, for statistics of the several churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a report for the meeting of the Union.

17. The Secretary shall make an appeal annually to each church connected with the Union, to take up some time in the month preceding the Annual Meeting, a collection in aid of its funds. From this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares of the Ministerial Members of the Union, and of one delegate from each church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full if possible, the deficiency, if any, being divided by the number of members herein defined as entitled to participate, and the amount of such dividend being deducted from the sum otherwise to be paid to each such member, on the understanding that such ministers and delegates shall remain during the Sessional Meetings, except with leave from the Chair.

18. Delegates from the Union to corresponding bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointments by personal attendance, shall address the bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if present at the Annual Meeting.

19. The following shall be the present plan of action for promoting mission work in the Provinces, viz:—

(1) That each church shall be requested to take up an Annual Collection and Subscriptions.

(2) That this Union co-operate in this work with the Colonial Missionary Society, as far as practicable, through the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society.

(3) That the Union Committee shall be considered the Missionary Committee in charge of all missionary operations. All applications for aid from the Missionary Funds must be presented to the Committee through the Missionary Secretary, and receive the sanction of the Committee prior to transmission to the General Committee of Canada.

(4) That the Committee meet for the transaction of business, Missionary or otherwise, at the meetings of the Union.

(5) In order that our Missionary claims may be fully understood by the general Missionary Committee of Canada, and according to express agreement made with this Union, two delegates shall be appointed annually to attend the meetings of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, and the general Missionary Committee of Canada. The expenses of the Missionary Secretary, or his substitute to be paid.

(6) Pastors receiving aid must send regular reports of their fields of labour every six months to the Missionary Secretary.

20. The expenses of the Secretaries of the Union to attend its meetings shall be paid, except when provided for by Article 17.

21. Alterations may be made in this Constitution by an Annual Meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed alterations shall be given at a previous meeting; and that such alterations shall not be inconsistent with the Acts of Incorporation.

RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Union, the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman, or in his absence by one of the officers of the Union or member of the Union Committee, or failing any of these, by a member of the Union.

2. After preliminary devotional exercises the Union shall be called to order.

3. A Minute Secretary shall be appointed, who shall take the minutes during the Session and assist the Secretary.

4. The Secretary shall form a Sessional Roll, containing the names of the personal members attending the Session, and the names of delegates appointed to represent the churches, marking opposite the names of such delegates the words "in attendance," or otherwise. A list of Honorary Members shall also be taken.

5. A temporary nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman as soon as the roll is called. This Committee shall, as soon as practicable, report the names of five persons to form a Business Committee, three for a Membership Committee, and three for a Financial Committee. The nominating Committee will name the members of other committees as soon as convenient.

6. The exercises may be intermingled with singing and prayer, until the Committees are named, and at any time while there is a lull in business or otherwise.

7. The records of the previous Annual Session will be read, and, if correct, approved and signed.

8. The names reported for Committees shall be submitted to the Union by the Chairman for approval or otherwise.

9. The nominations and resolutions submitted by the Business and other Committees will not debar any member from proposing amendments or alterations.

10. An election shall be held for President or Chairman each year. Should there be more than one candidate named, the election shall be by ballot.

11. Reports may be handed in or resolutions offered.

12. Reports and resolutions shall be referred by the Chairman to the respective Committees for consideration before discussion.

13. The Business Committee shall examine the records of the previous session, to see if any business arises out of the minutes of the previous meeting.

14. All meetings shall be considered meetings of the Union, but the evening meetings shall, as far as practicable, be divested of a business character, and more particularly devoted to addresses.

15. The first evening session shall, if practicable, be devoted in part to the

address of the retiring Chairman, and may be styled the Public Meeting of the Union.

16. The second meeting shall be devoted, if practicable, to a Missionary Meeting.

17. At each Annual Session a preacher shall be appointed for the next Annual Meeting.

18. The Annual Sermon will be delivered on Sunday morning.

19. Every resolution will be put in writing if required.

20. Every motion or resolution will require a seconder.

21. When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, the previous question, to lay on the table, or yeas and nays—and such motions, except those for amendment, shall not be debatable.

22. An amendment to an amendment can be made.

23. A motion for the amendment of a resolution or amendment shall be in order ; and if carried the resolution as amended shall be voted on.

24. Before the Annual Session closes, the Secretaries, Treasurer, Union Committee, &c., shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

25. The minutes of each sitting shall be read at the commencement of the following ; and the minutes of the last session at its close.

26. The church in whose locality the Annual Meeting shall be held shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with the meeting.

27. Unless otherwise provided for, the meetings shall be held each day as follows :—From 9.30 to 12 ; 2 to 5 ; and from 7.30 to 9.30.

28. Alterations in these Rules may be proposed at any sitting, and changes and amendments made by a majority vote.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD IN SHEFFIELD, N. B., SEPTEMBER 5TH—9TH, 1874.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick commenced its session in Sheffield, N.B., in the Church of which the Rev. W. Williams is pastor. After prayer, the Union organized by the Chairman, the Rev. Charles Duff, taking the chair, and ordering the calling of the roll, the following members being present:—

PERSONAL MEMBERS.—Revs. Messrs. C. Duff, R. K. Black, A. MacGregor, S. Sykes, S. G. Dodd, W. Williams, J. R. Kean, and James Shipperley.

DELEGATES.—Yarmouth, Messrs. Freeman Dennis, and J. Crawley; Liverpool, Wm. Anderson; Brooklyn, G. McLeod and G. Chandler; Chebogue, J. B. Hawes; Sheffield, N. Burpee and A. Barker; Keswick Ridge, J. B. Wathem, and J. Kennedy; St. John, James Woodrow; Halifax, E. Smith and William Taylor; Pleasant River, Charles Burnaby; Canning, J. Woodworth.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Rev. D. MacGregor, M.A., Mr. J. F. Malcolm, of the Congregational College; Messrs. H. P. Bridges, Joseph Barker and David Burpee, of Sheffield; Captain Clements, of Yarmouth.

The Address of the Retiring Chairman, the Rev. C. Duff, was then delivered; the subject being "True Progress." This topic was presented in both its negative and positive aspects.

The election of Officers and Union Committee was held. The following is the result:—Rev. A. MacGregor, Chairman; Rev. W. Williams, Secretary; Rev. R. K. Black, Missionary Secretary; Mr. James Woodrow, Treasurer; Revs. S. G. Dodd, S. Sykes, J. R. Kean, Hon. F. Tupper, Hon. Isaac Burpee, M.P., Messrs. F. Dennis, H. P. Bridges and Wm. Anderson.

A paper was read by the Rev. James Shipperley, on "The Mission of Congregationalism," which elicited considerable discussion.

Various reports were presented, and some routine business transacted.

A resolution was adopted, deprecating the use of the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and recommending that our ministers preach on the subject of Temperance, on the Third Sabbath in December.

A resolution was also passed expressing interest in the progress and well-being of the Congregational College of B. N. A., approving the enlargement of the College Board, and recommending the Institution to the generous support of the Churches.

A resolution was adopted recommending the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT and the YEAR-BOOK to the support of the Churches.

An evening meeting was held presided over by Freeman Dennis, Esq., at which the late Secretary, the Rev. A. MacGregor, gave a retrospect of the year's work ; pointing out the hopeful features of a revived interest in several of the churches, a gratifying increase of church-membership, and a large increase of general contributions ; but also shewing that there is room for improvement in the liberality and spirituality of the Churches, and that its ministers need a richer baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a fresh consecration to the Master's work.

Mr. James Woodrow read an interesting paper on the history and moral position of our denomination, which was on motion, handed to the Union Committee for consideration.

The Pastor of the Church, the Rev. W. Williams, spoke of the need of a revival in his Church, and asked the prayers and efforts of his brethren for that end. Other speakers followed with short addresses and special prayer. The meeting was crowded, and its tone eminently devotional and elevating.

The Sabbath day which followed was an "high day" in the best sense. It opened with a well-attended prayer meeting, at the close of which the Annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. MacGregor, of Yarmouth, N.S., from the text "Have faith in God." The sermon was plain, forcible and practical, and was listened to with attention by a crowded audience. In the afternoon an open Conference Meeting was held, presided over by Captain Jacob Crosby—full in attendance, full of interest and devotional feeling. In the evening the Rev. R. K. Black preached on "Christ washing the disciples' feet." At the close of this instructive discourse, the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants, the pastor presiding.

Business was resumed on Monday, and various resolutions passed. Papers were requested for next Annual Meeting from Rev. C. Duff, Rev. D. MacGregor, Rev. S. G. Dodd, and Mr. C. Whitman. Rev. S. G. Dodd was appointed to preach the annual sermon.

The Rev. J. R. Kean read a spirited paper on "How to rouse inactive Christians."

The Rev. D. MacGregor was received as a personal member of the Union, on dismissal from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

The Revs. R. K. Black, C. Duff and A. MacGregor were appointed delegates to the aforesaid Union.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. S. P. Fay, delegate from the Maine Conference, conveying the fraternal greetings of that body,

In the evening a large and interesting Missionary meeting was held, at which the usual reports were read. Addresses were given by several members of the Union and others, and a collection was taken up.

On Tuesday the following resolution was passed : Resolved, that this Union do appoint some eligible member to visit the churches with a view to inducing them to raise the amount of their contributions to the Missionary fund to a sum equal to the expenditure ; and also to gather all possible information concerning the state of church property, and in relation to new and eligible fields of labour.

A paper was read by the Rev. S. G. Dodd, on "Revivals, and how to promote them." An earnest discussion followed.

It was resolved, on motion, that the next meeting of the Union be held in Brooklyn, N. S., on the Friday following the first Sabbath in September, 1875.

At a public meeting in the evening, various reports were given and addresses made.

On Wednesday, resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the widow of the late Rev. James Porter, and with the widow of the late Rev. A. Burpee, on the severe and painful loss they have respectively sustained, and directing copies of the resolutions to be forwarded.

A resolution was passed, advocating free and unsectarian education, and expressing gratification at the recent triumph of this principle in New Brunswick.

Thanks were accorded to the Sheffield Church and Congregation for its hospitality, and the Union then adjourned to meet in Brooklyn next year.

ES IN NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK, FOR
JUNE 30TH, 1874.

MINISTERS.

NAMES.	Pastor or Supply.	Where Educated.	Entered Ministry.	Present Settlement.	No. Regular Stations.	No. Sabbath Services.	No. Week-day Services.	Ordinary attendance at Regular Stations.	Total Hearers or Adherents.	BAPTISMS.	
										Infants.	Adults.
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J. B. Howes (Student)	S Private	1	2	1	160	160
J. W. Cox (Student).....	S C. Coll.	3	3	150	150
Thos. Milner	P Private	1874	1	2	1	80	80
Simeon Sykes	P Private ...	.....	1864	1873	3	2	1	100	180	2	2
Duncan McGregor, M.A.	P C. Coll. ....	.....	1872	1873	1	2	2	150	150	2	7
{ Charles Duff, M.A	P C. Coll. ....	.....	1862	1873	2	2	3	170	250	1	28
						1	1	80	100	.....	.....
John R. Kean	P C. Coll. ....	.....	1862	1873	5	3	1	240	240	14	.....
J. F. Malcolm (Student)	S C. Coll. ....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	150	200	13	.....
Robert K. Black	P C. Coll. ....	.....	1852	1864	1	2	3	120	150	.....	3
James Shipperley.....	P Private ...	.....	1872	1873	4	2	2	130	300	26	5
William Williams... ..	P Private ...	.....	1871	1871	1	2	1	70	100	2	1
S. G. Dodd	P U. S. ....	.....	.....	1869	1	2	1	250	250	.....	.....
Alex. McGregor	P C. Coll.	1863	1871	1	2	2	250	250	3
.....	25	29	20	2800	2560	66	46
.....	25	26	15	1765	2465
.....	3	5	1035	95
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STATISTICS (FINANCIAL) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE YEAR ENDING

CHURCHES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Church Buildings.						Improvements made.	
	Material.		Number.	Sittings.	Uninsured.	Unregistered.		Parsonage.
	Brick or Stone.	Wood.						
1. Cardigan, N.B.		1	.....	150	.....			.....
2. Chebogue, N.S.		1	1	200	1	.....	Parsonage lot and church organ	[added.
3. Cornwallis, N.S.		1	1	400	1	1	.....	.....
4. Halifax, N.S.		1	1	.....			.....	.....
5. Keswick Ridge, N.B.		1	1	250	1	1	New Parsonage finished	.....
6. Liverpool, N.S.		1	1	350	.....		.....	.....
7 { Brooklyn, N.S.		1	1	.....	1	1	Repairs on Parsonage	.....
{ Beach Meadows, N.S.		1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
8. Maitland & Noel, N.S.		4	4	1350	1	1	.....	.....
9. N. E. Margaree, N.S.		1	1	200	1	.....	Parsonage lot added.....	.....
10. Milton, N.S.		1	1	350	1	.....	.....	.....
11. Pleasant River, N.S.		1	1	400	1	.....	.....	.....
12. Sheffield, N.B.		1	1	200	.....	1	.....	.....
13. St. John, N.B.	1	.....	1	450	.....		New wood house erected.....	.....
14. Yarmouth, N.S.		1	1	400	.....	1	Internal and external repairs on	[church buildings.
Total for 1874	1	17	17	4700	9	1	5	.....
Total for 1873				4600			4	.....
Increase in 1874				100		1		.....
Decrease in 1874	1							.....

THE TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Canada Congregational Missionary Society,

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS,

AT TORONTO, ONT., JUNE, 1874.

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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

“ I give and bequeath to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society,
incorporated by the Legislature of Ontario, A.D., 1873, the sum of _____
_____ out of my estate, to be paid
without any charge or deduction whatever, and I direct that
the receipt of the Treasurer of said Society shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.”

NOTE.—Such bequest must be made six months before testator's decease.

GENERAL AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1874-75.

Rev. W. H. ALLWORTH, Paris, Ont.
Rev. W. MANCHEE, Guelph, Ont.
Rev. JOSEPH UNSWORTH, Georgetown, Ont.
Rev. S. N. JACKSON, M. D., Toronto, Ont.
Rev. J. A. R. DICKSON, Toronto, Ont.
Rev. K. M. FENWICK, Kingston, Ont.
Rev. J. G. SANDERSON, Ottawa, Ont.
Rev. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M. A., Montreal, Que.
Rev. H. D. POWIS, Que.
Rev. D. D. NIGHSWANDER, Granby, Que.
Rev. R. K. BLACK, Milton, N. S.
Rev. C. DUFF, Brooklyn, N. S.
Rev. W. WILLIAMS, Sheffield, N. B.
Mr. A. ALEXANDER, Hamilton, Ont.
Mr. J. YOUNG, London, Ont.
Mr. J. FRASER, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. G. S. FENWICK, Kingston, Ont.
Mr. P. CHRISTIE, Martintown, Ont.
Mr. C. R. BLACK, Montreal, Que.
Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, *General Secretary-Treasurer*.
Rev. JOHN WOOD, Toronto, *Home Secretary*.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES, 1874-75.

ONTARIO, WESTERN.

Revds. Wm. Hay, W. Manchee, H. Sanders, J. Salmon, B. A. ; Messrs. J. Cameron, C. Whitlaw, W. E. Welding, D. R. Blackader, H. G. Grist, E. H. Arms ;
Rev. W. H. Allworth, Paris, Ont., Secretary.

ONTARIO, MIDDLE.

Revds. F. H. Marling, J. A. R. Dickson, S. N. Jackson, B. W. Day, W. W. Smith ; Messrs. J. Fraser, Joseph Barber, D. Higgins, W. W. Copp, John Wickson ; Rev. J. Unsworth, Georgetown, Ont., Secretary.

ONTARIO, EASTERN.

Revds. K. M. Fenwick, J. G. Sanderson, W. M. Peacock, R. Brown ; Messrs. W. Robertson, G. Robertson, Robert McKay, J. Cridiford, R. J. Rodden, A. Christie ; G. S. Fenwick, Esq., Kingston, Ont., Secretary.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Revds. C. Chapman, J. Fraser, A. J. Parker, C. P. Watson ; Messrs. J. Baylis, R. Bennett, J. McNicol, E. Hargrave, H. Hubbard, W. Addie, Hon. J. G. Robertson, M.P.P. ; Rev. A. Duff, Sherbrooke, Q., Secretary ; C. R. Black, Esq., Secretary Montreal Branch.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Revds. S. G. Dodd, W. Williams, C. Duff, A. McGregor, S. Sykes ; Messrs. H. P. Bridges, Isaac Burpee, M. P., Freeman Dennis, James Woodrow, Isaac N. Cox, Hon. F. Tupper ; Rev. R. K. Black, Milton, N. S., Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

As amended by the Annual Meeting of Subscribers, at Toronto, Ont., June, 1874.

ART. I.—That the Society be called “The Canada Congregational Missionary Society in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society.”

ART. II.—That its object shall be, to aid feeble Congregational Churches in sustaining their Ministers; to spread the Gospel by means of Missionaries among all classes of inhabitants; and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body.

ART. III.—That all persons subscribing five shillings per annum, shall become Members of this Society; and any person subscribing at one time Twenty Dollars or upwards, shall be an Honorary or Life Member of this Society.

ART. IV.—That the Missionary field shall be divided into such and so many Districts as the Society may from time to time determine; and that for each of these there shall be appointed by the Society from among its members after nomination, at each Annual Meeting, a District Committee of not more than ten members, with a Secretary-Treasurer; such Committee to consist, as far as practicable, of pastors and members of self-sustaining Churches, and of ministers and laymen in equal numbers.

ART. V.—That from each of the several District Committees, there shall be chosen annually by the Society, after nomination, at least three members, such representatives to form together the General Committee; and that there shall also be appointed by the Society annually, after nomination, a General Secretary-Treasurer, who shall receive and distribute the missionary funds and conduct the correspondence with the Colonial Missionary Society; and a Home-Secretary, who shall correspond with the Churches and the several District Committees.

ART. VI.—That the Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada, and during such Annual Session the General Committee shall adjust all the appropriations for the ensuing year so far as possible.

ART. VII.—That each District Committee, within its own bounds, shall receive and report to the General Committee upon the Annual applications for aid; shall have power to make grants, in special cases, arising between the meetings of the General Committee, to such amounts and on such principles as the latter body may determine; shall attend to the collection of missionary contributions; shall explore unoccupied fields; shall superintend the labours of evangelists; and shall have a general supervision over the missionary work, visiting each missionary field, by deputation, at least once in every year. And that all its proceedings, as they are taken, shall be reported to the officers of the General Committee.

ART. VIII.—That all Churches receiving aid from this Society to sustain their minister, shall be required, as the condition of its continuance, faithfully to fulfil their own engagement towards his support.

ART. IX.—A detailed statement of Missionary affairs shall be made annually to the Colonial Missionary Society.

ART. X.—That this Constitution and the By-laws may be altered by any Annual Meeting of the Society, one day's notice having been first given to the Society, in writing, of any proposal to that effect.

BY-LAWS.

1. All communications on the subject of grants shall be made by or to the financial representatives of the church or station seeking aid.

2. Applications for aid, in new cases, shall be made one month at least before the Annual Meeting.

3. Every Missionary of this Society shall be in full communion with a Congregational Church

4. All the Missionaries shall report once in six months to the District-Secretaries respectively, and make a full statistical return annually, according to the prepared forms.

5. In the event of any District Secretary vacating his office during the year, intervening between the Annual Meetings, the name standing first on the list shall be Convener, and the District Committee is empowered to appoint a successor.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held, pursuant to announcement, in the Northern Congregational Church, in the City of Toronto, on Thursday, the 11th of June, 1874, at 2.30, P.M. Mr. W. Edgar, of Hamilton, was called to the Chair, and Mr. C. R. Black, of Montreal, acted as Secretary. The Rev. W. M. Peacock led in prayer, when, after a few words from the chair, the Home Secretary, the Rev. J. Wood, in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, read the Annual Report, and also a financial statement, comparing the income and expenditure of the several districts with those of the previous year. Whereupon, it was moved by Rev. H. D. Powis, seconded by Rev. W. Hay, and *Resolved*,—That the Report read be adopted and printed, under direction of the Committee, and that the following gentlemen do constitute the General Committee and Officers of the Society for 1874-5: (For the names see page 103.)

The Rev. Charles Duff, of Brooklyn, N. S., moved, the Rev. J. Wood, seconded, and it was *Resolved*,—That hereafter the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick be invited to nominate, annually, a person or persons, not exceeding four in number, to represent that missionary constituency on the General Committee, as a part of the same.

Mr. Wood gave notice, on behalf of the General Committee, of a motion to amend Article V. of the Constitution, by inserting the words, "at least," before the words "three members," it having been found necessary, at times, in order to secure a full Committee, to supply the lack of some districts, by a larger representation from others, of persons actually present at the meetings of the Society.

Mr Wood also reported a resolution adopted by the Western District Committee, and referred to the Society, advising the reconsideration of the opinion expressed at its last Annual Meeting, in regard to the ordination of young men to the ministry. (See p. 10 of last year's Report.)

The Rev. Mr. Marling, on behalf of the *Canadian Independent* Publishing Company, made a proposition, in reference to the employment of a General Secretary and Editor, whose salary should be paid jointly by the Missionary Society, and the Publishing Company, as given in the earlier pages of this volume.

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. W. H. Allworth, seconded by Rev. K. M. Fenwick, and *Resolved*,—That we endorse the proposal of the *Canadian*

Independent Publishing Company, approved and recommended to us by the late General Committee of this Society, and that if a suitable man can be found to fill the position, the Committee just appointed be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$600 for the ensuing year, for carrying such proposal into effect.

It was also resolved, on motion of Rev. W. F. Clarke, seconded by Rev. F. H. Marling, that the appointment of Home Secretary, already made, be held subject to the new arrangement now proposed, and that this whole matter be referred to the General Committee, to report upon it at an adjourned meeting of the Society.

FRIDAY, June 12th, 12.30, P.M..

An adjourned meeting was held, when, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Marling, on motion of Rev. J. Wood, seconded by Rev. J. Howell, the fifth article of the Constitution was amended, as proposed on the previous day, and the Rev. Messrs. Dickson, Sanderson, Nighswander, and Mr. James Young, of London, were added to the General Committee.

The report of the Missionary Committee, in regard to the nomination of a General Secretary and Editor, being called for, the Home Secretary reported that they had met with the *Canadian Independent Publishing Company*, and that the Rev. J. Wood had been unanimously chosen, by ballot, without nomination, for that position. The report was adopted, after which the Society again adjourned.

On Saturday, June 12th, the several District Missionary Committees were appointed (see p. 103,) and,

On Monday, June 16th, the Society again met, at 11.15, A.M., Professor Cornish in the Chair. The recommendation of the Western District Committee, reported to the Society on Thursday, being again brought forward, it was *Resolved*, on motion of Rev. Messrs. Barker and Marling, to reconsider the rule in question. After several motions and amendments had been submitted, and discussed at considerable length, it was finally resolved, on motion of Rev. Chas. Chapman, seconded by Rev. S. N. Jackson,—That a motion having been introduced to substitute a statement of opinion for that contained on page 10 of the Year Book, (1873) of the proceedings of that year's meeting, it is hereby *Resolved*,—That the original statement be reaffirmed, with the instruction that the District Committees always allow it to have full weight in their deliberations on any given case.

It was also *Resolved*,—That the General Committee be requested to prepare a course of Reading and Study for such cases as are alluded to in the above motion. The Minutes were then confirmed, and the Society adjourned to meet in Hamilton, in June, 1875.

REPORT.

Twenty-one years of experience and work have only tended to render deeper the conviction of the value of this Society. If, as a Christian community, we are to occupy in the country a place worthy of our great principles, to say nothing of our noble ancestry, this conviction must be yet wider spread and more profound. To stand still in Christian work is really

to lose ground, for "the world, the flesh and the devil" are untiring in their efforts. Our country is now receiving accessions to its population much more numerous than for many years past, a fact, which, itself, calls for larger and more comprehensive movements. We may be encouraged to devise more liberal things by the position recently taken by our parent, the Colonial Missionary Society, from whom we had supposed we had soon to part. The proposal made to several of the Australian colonies to make grants to the extent of one-fifth of all they themselves raise for Home Missionary work, has been gladly and successfully adopted by them, to the large increase of their own evangelistic movements. The Society is prepared to do the same for the Canadian Dominion. It will be found, on examination, that of the expenditure by this Society during this, the twenty-first year of its existence, about seventy-two per cent. has been contributed by our churches, and twenty-eight by the Colonial Missionary Society. If we proceed to add to our annual contributions, in proportion to the need of our country, and the increasing ability of our people, we shall not only secure the generous aid of our friends in Great Britain to its present extent, but also to one much greater. This mode of rendering aid commends itself to the judgment of the Churches in England. The difficulty is extreme, and of increasing magnitude, to persuade the people of England that Christian work in the colonies needs to be carried on by them. Moreover, returned colonists, particularly from Australia, are found generally confirming this estimate. But when the point is distinctly before the churches, that the Christian people in the colonies are prepared to raise four-fifths themselves of what is expended in Home Missions, they will cheerfully encourage them by contributing the remaining fifth.

The number of names on the Society's list for the past year, including the students of the Congregational College of B. N. A., is forty-one. It has often been said, what is emphatically true, that it is impossible to estimate the preciousness of the work performed, or of the results achieved. The record is on high. The interesting details, so far as they can be given, will appear in the reports of the several District Secretaries. The information afforded would have been yet more cheering, had we more earnestly sought the coming of that wondrous wave of Divine influence which is passing over the churches in the mother country, and bathing them in its blessedness. Let us be stirred up to call upon the Lord to bless us also.

The cordial thanks of the Society are again rendered to the Colonial Missionary Society, for their grant of four hundred pounds sterling already expended, and for one of three hundred and fifty pounds placed at our disposal for the coming year.

The receipts of the year, including the balance of last year, \$1,247 74, which was applied to the payment of the July quarter, have been \$8,032 81, being from the Colonial Missionary, \$1,937 17, and from the Home field, \$6,095 04. The expenditure has been \$6,889 55, leaving a balance which will be more than expended in the payment of the July quarter. The claims for that quarter amount to \$1,516. The special deposit of \$750, noted last year, is still intact, and is not included in the above statement, though it was employed for about three months of the year, during which, otherwise borrowing would have been necessary. The interest on this deposit is credited in the accounts, \$37.05.

The following is a comparative statement, cents omitted :

	<i>Received.</i>		<i>Expended.</i>	
	1873-74.	1872-3.	1873-4.	1872-3
Western Ontario	\$ 859	\$1,094	\$1,350	\$1,443
Middle	1,112	1,051	1,550	1,342
Eastern.....	765	730	1,505	1,079
Quebec ..	1,003	971	633	998
N. S. & N. B.....	1,104	866	1,553	786

The last mentioned district affords a less accurate comparison than do the others, because of the irregularity as to dates of both revenue and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY WILKES,
Gen. Sec.-Treas.

ONTARIO WESTERN DISTRICT.

Missionary work, and the success attending it, will present varied aspects to different observers. These aspects will be coloured, dull, or bright, as they may be looked upon. Some, who have been successful themselves, who measure everything by the rule of their own field, and view everything from their stand-point, and that perhaps, a city one, will expect too much, and be disappointed. Others, who understand better what is really hopeful and encouraging, will feel that seldom is money better spent or more economically applied, than in our Canada Congregational Home Missionary Society.

We believe we are doing the Lord's work, in the Lord's way, and shall have assuredly the Lord's blessing.

Some things in this district have occurred, apparently adverse to advancement—perhaps, in the providence of God, not really so.

Amherstburg.—Rev. J. M. Smith, who seemed to be so prosperous last year, and so hopeful in his field, has thought it to be his duty to leave the church, and take up lecturing on temperance. We are not aware that any person has, up to this time, succeeded him in the pastorate.

Rev. W. H. A. Claris is labouring on hopefully in *Sarnia*. The cause is gradually assuming a more permanent aspect, and the pastor abundant in labour and faith.

Warwick and *Forest* were vacated by Rev. Mr. Salmon last fall, who accepted a call to the Congregational Church at *Embro*, where he is successfully working.

Watford, *Warwick*, and *Forest*, all the stations formerly occupied by Rev. Mr. Salmon, have only been occasionally supplied with preaching this winter. It is rumoured that they have prospect of a pastor from the United States next month. We should regret if these flourishing churches, so lately independent of missionary aid, failed to find an under-shepherd.

Stratford.—Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck still labours here. They report the loss of several families by removal to other parts of the Province; but since they have entered upon the occupancy of their new church, their congregations have improved, and their hopes revive.

The Rev. E. Rose still labours at *Listowel* with much encouragement and success. He seems to be hopeful and the church likewise.

Rev. E. Barker is still in *Fergus*, and in labours more abundant, supplying at present, *Douglas*, in addition to his other fields. The last report, dated 1st January, refers chiefly to changes in his field, by the extra work of assuming the charge of an additional church, and financial matters. *North Garafraxa* is unsupplied at present.

Turnberry and *Howick*.—Rev. Mr. Snider's field presents but few changes. The veteran labours on, and by the help of Mr. Wickett, who has taken a part of his vast field, new ground has hopefully been entered upon in *Clifford*, where a good congregation has been gathered, a house of worship purchased, and a prospect of much good opened up. May the Lord speedily give us to realize our *sanguine hopes in regard to this*.

Rev. N. McKinnon writes somewhat despondingly with respect to the cause in *Kincardine*. He does not see prospect of the church there, or of other churches, similarly situated, becoming speedily self-supporting. He says, "I am sensible that without patient, continuous efforts, the cause must go down; this is all that reconciles me to continue my ministry in this place." * * * "Still, I suppose, Christ's sheep must be sought upon the mountains, and sinners called from the highways and hedges, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them."

At the time we write, the Spring Reports are not in from the churches, or they might contain something of more special interest.

We trust that no Christian will feel his interest flag in this great work. We have faithful, indefatigable workers, let not the supporters grow weary.

W. H. ALLWORTH,
Secretary to the Western District.

ONTARIO MIDDLE DISTRICT.

During the Society's year just closed, ten missionaries have been assisted by the Society—six as settled pastors, three as supplies with a view to the pastorate, and one as an evangelist.

Some of the churches report progress in both material and spiritual things; others are struggling, hoping, and labouring for better days.

Markham and Unionville, which were without a pastor last year, have a brother, lately from England, settled over them, with indications of usefulness among them.

Owen Sound, after the resignation of Rev. R. Robinson, invited the Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A., to the pastorate, who accepted the invitation, and is labouring with some encouragement.

Oro, Bethesda, and Vespra Churches have built a beautiful brick parsonage, and are enjoying tokens of Divine favour, under the ministry of Rev. E. D. Silcox.

Stouffville friends have commenced building a beautiful brick church edifice, which they are hoping to have completed this summer.

In South Caledon, a house and one acre of land have been purchased; the house is being fitted up for a parsonage. The friends there have decided to build a house for the worship of God, before long.

Bowmanville, until within two years a mission station, has had settled over them, the Rev. J. Allworth, B.A., graduate of our College. The settlement is full of hope. A more detailed statement of matters of interest will be found in the following extracts from the reports of the brethren :

Alton and North Erin.—Rev. M. S. Gray, the pastor, with indefatigable energy, amid many discouragements, and serious difficulties, is labouring in hope. The Lord is giving him assurances that his labour is not in vain.

He writes under date of January : “ I am pleased to communicate a few favourable features of our work. At Alton, on the first Sabbath of the new year, we received five of our young people into the church, who gave clear evidence of their conversion to God. We expect to receive one or two more in February. Our Sabbath-school has been well attended. Ninety dollars were raised at two soirees during the past six months for its support. Under the able management of Deacon James McLellan, it is doing a good work.”

North Erin was visited by a fearful hailstorm at the time the grain was very ready to harvest. The greater part of it was thrashed on the ground. This disaster has greatly affected our finances. Our prayer meetings and Bible classes are well attended.

Under date of May, he writes : “ Since my last report, Rev. W. W. Smith and I have held seven weeks’ special services—four at Alton, and three at Pine Grove. Good appeared to be done at Alton, though we have had no additions to the church as yet. Our congregations are good, and I have six hundred and eighty-five dollars subscribed towards a new church.”

North Erin.—“ Our labours in this field are not in vain. Two years ago, if the young people attempted to sing a new tune, we could hear scarce anything but discord ; they can now sing very nicely—they are also obtaining a good knowledge of the Scriptures. This week we received a candidate for membership. We intend organizing a Sabbath-school this summer.”

Markham and Unionville.—Rev. R. Bulman, late of England, is pastor of this church. The removal of members, and their lack of a shepherd for months, had both weakened them and tried their faith ; but there were men of true hearts and earnest prayer among them, who loved Zion and longed for her prosperity. Since the settlement of Brother Bulman, their prospects are brightening, and their hopes are being strengthened. The pastor writes under date of May, “ When I came here the church that remained after twenty-eight removals, were greatly discouraged. The congregation at Markham is double what it was the first Sabbath I preached there. The congregation at Unionville is very good. Prayer-Meetings and Bible Classes greatly improved. Five additional members recently received into the Church. The Sabbath-school is in a very healthy condition, and increased in numbers. I am anxious to form a class of probationers from among the senior scholars, as several of them are under deep impressions, and not a few love the Saviour. I have a loving and united flock, always ready to help in every good work. During the last few weeks we have had a very gracious awakening in the village, especially among the young ; the ministers of the three denominations, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, and our own, were thoroughly united in effort to promote God’s work, and all the three churches have been blessed indeed. We look therefore for better and brighter days in the future, although there is a good deal of up-hill work to be done.”

Manilla.—Rev. D. McGregor, the pastor of this church, is beginning to see some indications of the Master’s presence. With a large field of labour—his out-station congregations being made up of adherents of other bodies as well as our own people, it is difficult to estimate the amount of good done by his ministrations. It is largely with our brother a seed time ; the harvest will come, and great joy will fill both the sowers’ and the reapers’ hearts. He writes under date of January, “ For the last twelve years I have not had so much encouragement in what is properly my missionary work, as I have at present, at what is known as Wylie’s

School-house, in the 11th concession of Mariposa, being a Gaelic speaking district, and the service is in that language. I have also a large congregation of English hearers, many of them strangers to me, and coming considerable distances, indicating appreciation of truth as it is in Jesus. Sunderland, on the Nipissing line, where I have laboured for the last two years, I gave up for the last few weeks on account of the Presbyterians having a minister there, and the service interfering with mine, but their supply was only temporary. I was written to three times by parties who were benefited by my former services, to resume preaching there—I went and found the New Connexion Methodist Church nearly full, waiting for me, and a strong desire expressed I should continue going, which I intend doing. I have five out-stations which I attend, besides my principal one, Manilla, where I preach two sermons, one in Gaelic and the other in English, without intermission. Between visiting the sick and other duties, my time is fully occupied. What to me is remarkable in so short a time, I am not asked to have service, either at funerals or on any other occasion, in the Gaelic language, except the one service on Sabbath, at Manilla. This field is now as much an English one as any place in Canada. We have peace and unity in the Church, and are longing for an outpouring of the Spirit upon us.”

Under date of May, he writes, “Since I last wrote, two new converts were added to the Church, and two of our members came back to the Church. I trust we are more alive to the necessity of prayer and effort for the salvation of souls than for years past. Besides our usual weekly meetings, as many as can meet on Saturday evening do so for prayer. In connection with our Mission Sabbath School, there is a Prayer Meeting on Monday evening. I find a stronger feeling of enquiry among the younger members of my congregations, than I noticed at any former period. One young woman died lately who had found the Saviour on her death bed. I hope her death-bed sayings and example may have been the means of deepening conviction in many others.

“The English congregation has been considerably affected by the removal of four families, regular hearers and supporters. The villages along the line of railway are drawing business men to them. We are five miles from the railway, too far to insure increase of population, and the stay of young men with us at Manilla. I had an offer from another body a few weeks ago, and they would give me \$800 of a salary, which I declined. It is no money consideration that keeps me a day at Manilla.”

Meaford.—This station has been supplied by Rev. C. H. Silcocks during the past year. Difficulties, numerous and complex, arising from the weak state of the church, and their very limited ability to maintain the ordinances of the Lord’s house, hinder the work of the Lord. Our brother has laboured on in hope, some good has been done, and the prospects are somewhat brighter than last year. A new deed has been secured and duly registered; the building painted inside, and whitewashed; some old building fund debts paid. May a brighter day dawn on our brother’s field.

Newmarket.—Rev. A. Shand still continues as missionary in this field. He is confident of success, but thinks patience will have to be exercised for sometime yet. May the Lord speedily visit this station and revive it.

Owen Sound.—In July last the Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A., late of Southwold, was invited to the pastorate of this church, which had been made vacant by the resignation of Rev. R. Robinson. Since our brother’s settlement there have been some indications of good; but numerical weakness and the debt upon the church building, are serious drawbacks to vigorous prosperity. He writes, under date of May: “When I came here, the congregation was never larger than thirty, often less than half that number. Now it is several times as large. Frequently the little church is well filled, and a marked interest is manifested. Seven have already been added to the church, and I trust there will be more additions ere long. The Sabbath-school is several times as large as I found it. I have organized a Bible-class, and have about twenty names upon the list. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.”

Oro, Rugby, and Vespra.—Rev. E. D. Silcox, pastor of these churches, is being much encouraged in his work. The Lord has given him comfort and prosperity—a new brick parsonage, an united people, and additions to the church. It is hoped next year this field will be self-sustaining. He writes, under date of January: “I have as yet only been here eight months, during which time I have reason to hope much good has been done. Some have already given their hearts to the Saviour, and others are enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward. The congregations have been large. We are looking forward with hopefulness to the year upon which we have now entered. On New Year’s eve we held the Annual Meeting of the three churches, and it was a season which will be long remembered by those who were present.”

Under date of May, he writes: “A splendid parsonage has been built, which will cost \$1,500. This expenditure has caused the people to think that they could not do away with missionary aid for another year. We hope to send two-thirds we ask for in missionary collections.”

Stouffville.—Rev. B. W. Day, Pastor. This church a year ago found it necessary to apply again for aid; but we are confident from the present indications of God’s favour, and the church’s noble efforts to erect a handsome substantial brick church building, they will soon not only be independent, but able liberally to support their worthy and devoted pastor.

Our brother writes, under date of January: “We are moving along in a quiet, peaceable manner, keeping all the machinery of the church at work; but still needing more of the Spirit’s influence to fire our hearts with holy zeal and self-sacrificing love for Jesus. Two persons have been added to our membership by conversion, and we have some reason to believe that others have had their hearts touched, but not enough to lead them to decide for Christ. There are those who halt between two opinions, who, if they would but come out boldly, might be of great service in the Lord’s cause.

“The prayer meetings are very fairly attended. The Sabbath-school has increased with regard to numbers, and there appears to be a growing sense of the importance of this work in the minds of the teachers, and some of the members of the church.

“Two thousand dollars have been subscribed towards building a new church—a lot bought and paid for; and with one voice we have determined to proceed with its erection in the coming season. The cost of the building will probably be about four thousand dollars, including provision not only for the preaching services, but also for the Sabbath-school and prayer meetings. The size of the church has to be 35 by 55 feet, with a basement, lecture-room, and vestry.

“Altogether it will be a very handsome structure, and when finished will, we believe, add very much to the prosperity of the Lord’s cause.” He writes under date of May: “The new church building has fairly commenced, and in the course of a few months will, with the Lord’s blessing on our labours, be opened for divine service. In spiritual things, while we have to mourn over a great deal of formality and carelessness, yet there are many things to encourage. Many are stirred up to take hold of God in prayer, and are looking for a revival. Since my last report two have been added to the church by profession, and we hope also that there will be one or two more coming forward in a very little while. May the Lord, indeed, pour out His spirit upon us.”

Whitby.—Rev. S. T. Gibbs, Pastor. Our brother, like many other Christian workers, has to continue to labour in hope. At times, the sky brightens and gives hope of spring time—then comes the cloud, and faith and patience are called into exercise. The past year has been one of great trial, yet not despairing nor cast down, our brother writes under date of May: “During the past year and more, our church has been passing through the fire of affliction, nearly every family being clad in mourning. Removals to other towns have also diminished the number of our supporters, and in some degree, though not very perceptibly, our regular attendance. Still, we have reason to thank God for present mercies, and to hope for the promised blessings on our labours.

"We have a full share of strangers from abroad, but as soon as they hear of something better, they leave for Toronto, or other places. In some cases their professions of piety disappoint us.

"The removal of one liberal supporter has affected both the Annual Subscription, and also the Building Fund.

"Thankful should I be, if this report contained the news of the conversion of many souls to Christ. I believe there are many not far from the kingdom of God; but the question often troubles me: 'Will they ever be found within the sacred enclosure?' Two have been received lately into the church.

"The Sabbath-school and Mission station at Hamer's Corner, which I supply in connection with others, are prospering."

South Caledon.—Our Brother Davies, who has been labouring in this field during the past year, has been very much encouraged in his work. The Lord is doing a good work through him in the place. He writes under date of May: "The cause here is bright and hopeful. During the past year we have received six new members. Our number at present upon the Church roll, stands between thirty and forty, while the congregation has increased far beyond our expectation.

"We are also putting forth an effort to build a church of our own. Land has been purchased for a site, with a dwelling house upon it, which is being fitted up for a parsonage."

Rev. H. Denny, in much feebleness, continues to try to do a little for the Master. He writes, "A kind Providence has permitted me to commence my seventy-fourth year in this probationary state, and thirty-eight of them in Canada, preaching the glorious Gospel of Christ."

J. UNSWORTH, *Sec., M. D.*

June 2nd, 1874.

ONTARIO EASTERN DISTRICT.

The past year has been one of activity and of progress. We have had the addition of three brethren now settled over churches, while one has left us for the United States. With the exception of two (and these are temporarily filled), all the churches in the district have pastors.

Coldsprings.—Since the death of the late lamented Brother Pedley, this church has been without a settled pastor. In the summer, the pulpit was supplied by Mr. J. B. Silcox, student, who reports, that "it is a hopeful field, a great many young people almost within the kingdom." Rev. J. Howell accepted the pastorate, and began his labours last February; he writes, "The present aspect of things here, I am happy to say, is very encouraging: three have been admitted to fellowship during the first two months of my sojourn here; the attendance and attention at the means of grace have been very good. I hope to be able to arrange for services at one or two neighboring settlements."

Cobourg.—Rev. J. Griffith, Pastor—has been engaged in improving, indeed almost rebuilding, the Chapel; they have had to worship in a hall, which has somewhat interfered with the attendance of the congregation. Brother Griffith writes: "My hope is undiminished in the final success of the cause here; with a few additions of good active men there would be no danger. I am living, and toiling, and praying in the confidence that a bright day is not far off."

Belleville.—Without a Pastor—This year has been a very trying one to this church. Brother Lewis resigned his charge under much discouragement,

and is now in the State of Michigan. The Rev. W. Wooding, from Shrewsbury, England, on a visit to Canada, has very kindly ministered to their wants since 1st April; but as he intends to return to England after the Union Meetings, we fear that the pulpit may be vacant again.

Brockville has a very cheering report, after years of toil and depression. When seemingly at the lowest ebb, the Rev. E. Ireland, from Dronfield, England, visited them, accepted the pastorate last December, and has infused such new life and vigour, that not only have they increased in numbers, but they have beautified the building, and there is a refreshing tone of earnest zeal about them, very encouraging. Brother Ireland writes:—"Nearly five months ago, the Brockville Church was re-opened with a congregation of twenty-five; the usual attendance now is from eighty to one hundred, with prospects of a steady increase. Three new members have been added to the church, and several from sister churches about to join us. A Sunday-school has been established, likewise a Band of Hope, and an adult Bible-class conducted by the minister. The spirit of despair which characterized the people six months ago, has given place to one of hopefulness and energy; on the whole, our position is such as to lead us to thank God and take courage."

Indian Lands.—The churches at Athol and Martintown at the beginning of the year were without a pastor. Last August the Rev. D. Macallum received and accepted a call from them, and is now labouring with much success. He writes hopefully of this field; several seem awakened although they have not joined the church; they hold fast their confidence, and they help at prayer meetings. Four members have been added lately at Martintown.

Middleville.—Rev. R. Brown, Pastor, writes:—"I am encouraged in my work; the last year has been a happy one to me, and I trust something has been done for the Master. I now preach three times every Sabbath, except every fifth Sabbath, then twice. Nine members were added to the church."

Lanark Village.—Rev. J. Brown, Pastor, reports the church in about the same condition as last year. Some improvement has been made in the lighting and heating of the chapel.

Ottawa.—Rev. J. G. Sanderson, Pastor, reports:—"The time has been marked by a moderate degree of prosperity, and much harmony, good-will and peace among ourselves." In last report he writes:—"Though not rejoicing in an increase of members, our people have worked energetically and willingly in endeavouring to improve our financial position; our bazaar realized \$1,000, which is to be employed in paying off debt on the church site; the result of the bazaar encouraged the people to put forth an effort to pay off the whole debt, which resulted in subscriptions being obtained, whereby the whole (nearly \$2,000), is to be cleared off by the end of the present year."

Vankleek Hill has been without a pastor since the resignation of Bro. Peacock, and although financially weak, numbers about thirty members. With a good man in connection with Hawkesbury, the prospect is fair for a good cause. A devoted brother, J. P. Wells, Esq., writes from Vankleek Hill:—"It would be a matter of deep regret, and indeed of disgrace, to allow the cause to die out." Mr. Pedley, student, is now stationed there for the vacation.

GEORGE S. FENWICK,
District Secretary.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Eaton.—A crisis has come in the history of this Church. Mr. Sherill reports :—

“ At the close of my thirty-sixth year of pastoral work, Nov. 1873, I read my resignation to this church and people. A Committee was immediately chosen to consider the subject. By that Committee my resignation was accepted, at the same time an unanimous wish expressed that I should remain with them as acting pastor, preaching when able to do so ; at other times taking the introductory services, one of the deacons reading a sermon, thus sustaining regular Sabbath worship until another Congregational minister could be obtained. I think that never since my pastoral work began here have I seen greater interest manifested in the word preached, or a more appreciative audience. A minister's preaching with power and success doubtless depends greatly on the earnest prayers of the people, that utterance may be given him, and on their own quickened appetite for the word ; and I am sure our people were aroused by the announcement of my resignation to more fervent prayer, attentive hearing, and earnest working.

“ I am glad to feel an assurance that our people love to sit under their own vine and fig tree, and desire to worship God as they have been taught from childhood ; that is, they are true Congregationalists. It seems to me to be a desirable field for a young man who is ready for vigorous work, and notwithstanding repeated removals, which might seem to discourage, I think it will, with God's blessing, yield an abundant harvest.

“ The congregation numbers about the same as usual—perhaps more than the usual average the past winter, and nearly all belong to the Sabbath-school. We have five adult classes, and six classes for children. We use the International Series of S. S. Lessons, and new life has been given to the school during the past year. A County Sabbath-school Convention was held here in July last. Delegates from Toronto, Montreal, Danville, &c., attended. Two out-stations, Learned Plain and Sawyerville, have been more or less regularly visited. We are now expecting Mr. Warriner, from the Congregational College, to remain four or five months. We think he will find it a field full of promise. And I hope that after a summer's rest from an almost unbroken service of more than thirty-six years, I may find my health in a measure improved. There has been one addition to the Church (by profession) and one member has died.”

Fitch Bay.—Of this field the pastor, Rev. L. P. Adams, writes :—

“ Our congregations are quite as large as they hitherto have been, and we have some interesting meetings, when apparently the word has a deep effect upon the minds of the hearers, and I have reason to hope the good seed will not all be lost. Some of the members of the church are, I think, growing in grace, but being scattered in different neighbourhoods, they are not the mutual help to each other, which they would be, if they lived more compact together. Yet I am satisfied many of them are an example of godliness in their vicinity, and by their lives recommend the Saviour, as well as, in some degree, restrain sin. I lately baptized two, a man and his wife, who will likely be received into the church at next communion. I have done and am still doing a great deal of hard work in this field, and am willing to toil on, if satisfied that it is the will of the Master. Though often much discouraged, I have not yet been able to see that He would have me leave it. I trust He will not only make the path of duty plain, but glorify Himself in me, though He do not gratify me in seeing a permanent, self-supporting cause, before I am called to leave the work by death or otherwise. Though this report looks a little dark, there is nothing unusually discouraging either in the membership or in the appearance of the congregation. There are not many mighty works done, yet we are not without hope that some little good is done, through the efforts made in this field. It is like the hidden influence of the rain-

drops, lost to sight at present, but which will yet appear as precious seed among the sheaves of the great harvest."

Waterville.—Our brother Purkis has again had severe affliction in his household. He writes, in May:—

"Owing to my own sickness this time last year, and the sickness of my son and daughter during the past winter, I have not been able to do so much on week evenings at a distance from home, as I did the year before, but, Providence permitting, I hope to be able to do more in that direction shortly."

At the principal Station he preaches every Sabbath morning. Congregations much about the same. During the year five members have been received by letter, and one by profession; two have been dismissed, leaving a net gain of four. At *Capelton Mines* he preaches every Sabbath evening; and with the exception of two evenings, when the roads were in deplorable condition, he has had excellent congregations. Five persons from that neighbourhood have united with the church.

At the *Laver's School House*, on Hatley road—a station which he took up last summer—things are encouraging, the congregation is very good for such a locality. They are very attentive to the Word preached, and manifest their interest, among other ways, by their liberality.

At *N. Hatley*, where he preaches in the Sabbath afternoons, alternately with the Laver's station, the attendance has been improving of late. Some time ago things looked very discouraging there. But they need the gospel, and our brother is willing to continue his visits, glad of any apparent interest awakening.

The finances on this field are somewhat encouraging. More promptness is obtaining. At the Mines the "weekly offering" has been adopted and with success. Besides a "donation" visit at Waterville, which left over \$70, the District Secretary had the pleasure of presiding at a meeting of the friends at Capelton, and, from them, presenting their pastor with a valuable fur coat and mitts.

We cordially join with our brother Purkis in the closing prayer of his report. "May the Lord grant showers of spiritual blessing, and greatly revive His work in our midst!"

ARCHD. DUFF.

District Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

The year which has just closed has been one of peace and spiritual prosperity to nearly all the missionary churches in the Maritime Provinces. Specially have the churches in Queen's County, Nova Scotia, been visited by a most gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the quickening of the membership, and the addition of a goodly number to their fellowship. One church in Yarmouth County, though without a pastor most of the year, yet reports a revival of religion, while other churches in which there has been no special religious interest, report steady progress.

Seven missionary pastors, representing as many churches, have laboured in connection with the Society during either the whole or part of the past year. Two new settlements have been effected, viz., that of the Rev. J. B.

Kean, over the Church in Maitland and Noel, in January of this year, and that of Rev. M. C. Williams over the church in Chebogue, in September, 1873. It is to be regretted that the last named brother, after remaining but a few months in his new sphere of labour, returned home to Jersey, England, from whence he came, although the friends are not without hope that he may be induced to return, as the illness of a beloved parent, who is now, it is to be hoped, restored to health, was the cause of his departure from so promising a field.

Chebogue, N.S.—This Church, situated about five miles from the Town of Yarmouth, the oldest Congregational Church in Nova Scotia, probably the oldest in the Dominion, possesses a tasteful and commodious church edifice and a parsonage, attached to which are eleven acres of good land. Having waited long for a pastor, their hearts were cheered when, in September last, the Rev. M. C. Williams, just from Jersey, England, was ordained over them in the Lord. But sore was their disappointment when, in the following December, he felt it his duty to return home. Thus suddenly deprived of the ministration of the Word, Deacon Freeman Dennis, of Yarmouth, rendered them most acceptable service during the winter months. In conjunction with a student from Maine, whose name we have not learned, and whom the church has asked to supply for the summer, special services were held, with what results the subjoined extract from a letter written by Mr. Healey, Clerk of the Church, and of date April 20th, will show.

“We have been blessed with an outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit. Mr. Dennis and the young man I spoke of felt an interest in us, and proposed to hold a series of meetings. The church consented, and their efforts have been blessed. For two weeks we had meetings every evening. We feel that if the under-shepherd has been removed we are not left comfortless. Not only have the church members been revived, but quite a number of the young men have expressed a desire to be on the Lord’s side, and some have taken a decided stand for Christ. Among the number is one of my own children. Thursday evening is our weekly prayer meeting. Friday is the young peoples’ prayer meeting. They are well attended. One night there were over fifty young people.

“Pray for us that this good work may still go on.

“We have had some removals by death, but I hope and pray that others may be raised up to take their places.”

Pleasant River.—This is one of those churches in Queen’s County, N.S., that has shared in the general outpouring of the Spirit, of which mention is made in our general statement. It is just one year since the Rev. J. Shipperly became pastor of this church, and the result in all the stations has been most encouraging to our brother who has been abundant in labour, as also what might be expected after the plentiful sowing of our esteemed brother Sykes, who for eight years ministered to this people. It is only to be regretted that, although our brother, in the interest of more neglected districts, retired from fields occupied by other denominations, the spirit of proselytism should have led some to follow him into these destitute places, and create party spirit. When will some professed ministers of Christ cease to build upon another man’s foundation, made ready to their hands, and glory less in leading men and women “down into the baptismal waters,” than to Christ, and Him crucified? Our brother’s report of the 16th March, which we give in full, will be read with interest. Since the subjoined was written, others have been received into membership, making the addition about 35.

“When I took charge of this field, in May last year, both yourself and the church here thought the field too extensive to be supplied by one missionary, and suggested the giving up of Brookfield and Caledonia for Sabbath monthly services, in order that fortnightly preaching might be established in the otherwise nearly neglected stations of Ohio and Baker’s settlements. These latter stations, had previously been visited for preaching but once a month, but the former were supplied by other denominations, rendering my labours there less needed. I have, however, at the solicitation of the Trustees of the Brookfield Union Church edifice, recently commenced, a fortnightly week evening service. The congregation there is large and intelligent, but we have no members at this station. Our chief station (Pleasant River) has a fair and increasing congregation which meets to regular preaching services every Sunday morning, or nearly so, and we have prayer meetings in the evening. Much interest is manifested in the preaching of the Word, and our prayer meetings have been unusually lively and interesting, sometimes 20 or 30 speaking or engaging in prayer. We have had five additions to church membership at Baker’s Settlement, and two are proposed for fellowship at Ohio, and the same number at Newclear ; at the latter station, monthly services are held. In the last few months 13 members have been added to the church at the principal station, making 18 in all, showing that God has been with us in an especial manner, and we earnestly pray that His work may be continued for His glory. We have lost, by death, two warm friends of our church here and earnest workers for Christ, Deacon J. A. Waterman and his wife, who died within about a fortnight of each other. The power of Christ as their Saviour was manifested by them in their last days, and their end was peace.”

Milton.—The pastor, Rev. R. K. Black, reports :

“The past year has been to us one of mingled lights and shadows. Very heavy indeed have been the losses sustained by some of our people in the very severe commercial crisis through which Queen’s County is now passing ; yet none have become bankrupt (a very common occurrence in this place at present), and all we trust have retained their integrity. Several members have removed from the place with a view to engage in business elsewhere, and up till the month of January of this year we suffered from depletion and great spiritual depression. But since that, by the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in which the other churches of the county shared with us, we have been quickened. As the result of special services, somewhat prolonged, new life was infused into the church, and a considerable number professed conversion. Up to the present time as many as twelve, mostly young people, have been received into the church, and there are others who we hope will unite soon. Our Sabbath-school is in a very flourishing state, and, notwithstanding the hard times, nearly as much has been raised for Home and Foreign Missions as in former years.”

Maitland and Noel, N. S.—Rev. J. R. Kean, formerly of Canning, accepted the call to this church in July last, and was installed over it in January of this year. The field is a most extensive and laborious one, affording full scope for the labours of two ministers. It embraces four stations, from five to seven or eight miles apart, on the shore of Cotoquid Bay, an arm of the Bay of Fundy, and also on the Shubenacadie River. Their names are respectively Noel, Salma, Maitland, and Five Mile River. Mr. Kean’s report of April 16th, is as follows :—

“Mr. Allworth’s description of this field, given in last year’s report, relieves me from any necessity of repeating. It extends thirty instead of twenty miles along the shores of the bay and river named by him ; and while it is true, as he states, that the establishment of Congregational principles here would be most desirable, yet that consummation is environed by many difficulties. As you expressed, delay in settlement has not been without its evil effects. Then, the length of the field

and the scattered state of the people make Congregational meetings almost impossible.

"In the past, good seed has been sown on good soil, but it requires the influences of spiritual warmth to germinate. And it is equally difficult with any regularity to maintain prayer meetings, or any means of creating this needed warmth.

"We have preached with as much regularity as the nature of the field would admit, to good congregations, at the different stations, Maitland excepted, where we have had to meet all the opposition of old feuds, that could be given under the guise of pretended friendship. Nevertheless, we have not been without encouragements, even here, that are all the more valuable in such circumstances. Four very worthy members joined us at our last communion. And we expect that others will follow their example soon. We need very much the prayers and sympathy of our brethren who have this season been visited with a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, that we also may be similarly visited. This is what we most need. Till it comes, may the Great Shepherd of the sheep give us grace to say : 'If the vision tarry, wait for it.'"

Keswick Ridge, N.B., is the only missionary station occupied by your Society in New Brunswick ; nor will it be a mission station long, for the church receives but a very small grant in aid of its pastor's support, and expects soon to be self-supporting. Our brother, Rev. S. Sykes, has now been settled there a year and a half, and certainly if good congregations, interesting prayer meetings, a good Sabbath school, a present of a handsome sleigh and robe to the pastor, and the erection of a new parsonage at a cost of \$1000, and nearly all paid for, are indicative of progress, then Brother Sykes is the right man in the right place. An extract from his report of April 3rd which we give below, will be perused with interest:—

"When I look back at what has been done in so short a time, and the unassuming manner in which it has been done ; the building of the new manse, increase of minister's salary, handsome present made to myself, and the increased contributions to our Missionary Society—I feel like thanking God and taking new courage. We have not had any additions to the church for several months, until our last church meeting, when two young persons, one of each sex, came and applied for fellowship. Their religious experience was very satisfactory indeed. An unusual solemnity pervaded the meeting. Neither of them had made known their intentions before the church meeting at which they applied ; we knew, however, that they and others were not far from the kingdom.

"In the month of March I made a missionary tour into the camps of the lumbermen. Mr. Kennedy, who is a member of the church, and a very generous supporter of the cause of Christ, being extensively engaged in the lumber business, asked me in the autumn if I would go during the winter, and preach to his men in the forests. I told him if nothing unforeseen prevented, I would. Mr. Lunt, the gentleman who was scaling Mr. Kennedy's lumber, is also a Congregationalist, from Orino, near Bangor, Maine. He and Mr. Kennedy agreed to invite each his minister to come into the camps for a Sabbath. Mr. Lunt's minister, the Rev. Mr. Cross, on being asked, consented to accompany me. We met at McAdam Junction and rode in company to the town of Holton, in the railway cars, where we were met by the aforesaid gentlemen, with horses and sleighs, to conduct us the remainder of our journey. Next morning (Friday) we started for the lumbermen's camps, which were twenty-five miles from Holton, and about fifteen miles from any house or any female. After a brisk drive of four and a-half hours, we took our dinner, for the first time, in the lumbermen's camp. In the evening, after the men had returned from their labour, and refreshed themselves with supper and a short rest, we had our first service ; when we both gave our introductory address to the men, and had service for about an hour and twenty minutes. They appeared much interested in our visit. We had services on the Saturday

evening, three times on the Sabbath, and also on the Monday evening. On the Sabbath we had about a hundred of a congregation. Ten persons walked to the meeting from another camp, five miles off. The men were very attentive, and as orderly as if they had been in a church. Thirty dollars, American currency, was subscribed, which was equally divided among the ministers. It was good to preach the Gospel to these men, shut out for months together from the means of grace. I trust that the seed which was sown was not scattered in vain."

Brooklyn and Beach Meadows, N. S.—The numerous population of these places where we have two flourishing congregations, is composed exclusively of "those who go down to the sea in ships and do business in the great waters." Here our brother Duff's labours have been much blessed in former years, and here again his heart has been cheered by an abundant share in the general outpouring of the Holy Spirit. His report, although long, is so interesting, that we give it entire. Of date April 27th, he writes:—

"This entire field, including Brooklyn and Beach Meadows, is a sea-faring community; and as such it is subject to inconveniences and disadvantages that mere rural populations know nothing about. The physical features of a neighbourhood have not incorrectly been supposed to exert an influence upon the habits and lives of its people. If not born, a majority of this community have been cradled and reared upon the ocean; and, alas, too many of them find their 'last resting place' beneath its waves. It would not be an uninteresting subject to trace the influence of these circumstances upon church life and Christian character; but a report like this is not the place for such an essay.

"Among the thousands of saddened hearts by the long-to-be-remembered August gale of 1873, it was our lot to be numbered. Glancing over the subsequent reports of 'Disasters,' the eye caught one item from the Magdalen Islands, that filled us all with sorrow. It was to the effect that, among other things driven ashore, there was found some of the 'quarter railing of a schooner, and in a board fastened to it was cut the word 'Tyro.' The time she was last seen by her companions, when the gale came on, and the place from which this intelligence issued, indicated but too clearly that we were indeed the sufferers. Capt. S. Smith and three sons, with two other young men, were from our church and congregation at Brooklyn, and four others on board from Beach Meadows. Thus nine out of the ten of the crew were our own members and their children. This disaster stripped us of a valued deacon, four highly esteemed church members, and four young men of energy, industry, and promise. 'We sorrow not as those who have no hope.'

"This is but an instance, though prominent, of what every now and then overtakes us, cutting short our material resources as a church, and, except so far as they may slay more in their deaths than in their lives, stripping us of the spiritual growth and strength which to us are seemingly so necessary. At lower Beach Meadows our people feel the need of a new place of worship. A site and burying ground has been offered free of cost, by Mr. John Bagley, senior, and a meeting has already been held to bring matters into shape, if possible to commence immediately the work contemplated.

"Since Feb. 1st, God has been pleased, more especially at Brooklyn, 'to revive us again.' Between said date and the present thirty-eight souls have been added to the church, embracing persons from between sixteen and seventeen years of age up to sixty. And still the work goes on. Truly He is doing abundantly above what we asked or could conceive.

"But the requirements of a field like this are immense. The sea-faring life of its people, with other characteristics peculiar to itself, make a fearful drain upon the physical resources of your missionary. Brooklyn is more and more evidently becoming a place of importance. Since the commencement to build the breakwater in the harbour, all kinds of property have begun to rise, and even with only one-third of that work completed, its anchorage ground is visited tenfold more by

vessels needing a harbour than previously. This fact, with that of a church of another denomination springing up in our midst, points to the separation, at no distant day, of the Brooklyn church from that at Beach Meadows, with a pastor for each field, in which case, the last named place will call for the exercise of that material good-will on the part of our English brethren, of which the Rev. Dr. G. Smith assured them, when he opened the place of worship. Already the demand upon pastor and preacher in the Brooklyn church and congregation alone, I venture to say is not less than that of any other single church and congregation in this Province.

"Feeling, however, that God in His providence has watched over and guided this church hitherto, and has quickened it from time to time by His Spirit and grace, I trust He will continue to be its support and reward."

Margaree, C. B.—It is much to be regretted that the church at Hope is still without a pastor. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." But our friends there must have strong and brave hearts, as well as remarkable attachment to their principles, to have persevered in keeping up services as they have done. The cry of your committee in regard to Margaree still is, "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" When shall we hear the response from some devoted man of God? "Here am I, send me."

By arrangement with the Secretary, Brethren Jackson and Dickson, of Toronto, at very small expense to the Society, were induced to spend a working holiday at Margaree, last August; and, as I write, Mr. J. F. Malcolm, student, is on his way thither to spend among that people his summer vacation. Below we give an epitome of Messrs Jackson and Dickson's report.

"According to arrangement, the Rev. S. N. Jackson and I, after a ten days' journey—four being delay—arrived in the lovely valley of Margaree, and were kindly received by Mr. Mark Tait, who, during our stay, treated us with the greatest consideration. We preached twice every Lord's Day, and every Monday and Wednesday night, and visited as we could among the people. We delivered twenty-nine addresses and sermons, and baptised thirteen children. The people long for a pastor, and their faith is that one will be sent. They are building a parsonage. There is a fine field here for work. An occasional visit to Cheticamp, and Big Interval, and Baddeck, where some Congregationalists live, would help to strengthen the centre. Itinerancy around a centre—Margaree—is what is needed here as well as in Manchester, N. S. A devoted man would reap much here. Send him by all means."

ROBERT K. BLACK,
Secretary N. B. and N. S. District.

Milton, N. S., 24th May, 1874.

LIFE MEMBERS

By the donation of twenty dollars and upwards, at different periods, since the commencement of the Society. Five names of the undermentioned, marked (*), were life members of the Canada East Society.

- Alexander, Charles, Montreal.
 Alexander, Mrs., by her husband.
 Alexander, Henry M., Montreal.
 Allworth, Rev. W. H., Paris, Ont., by the late N. Hamilton, Esq.
 Allworth, Mrs. Rev. W. H., by the same.
 Anderson, Mrs. A., Georgetown, Ont., by George Anderson.
 Anderson, George, of Georgetown.
 Anderson, W., by G. Anderson.
 *Baylis, James, Montreal.
 Baylis, Mrs. James, by her husband.
 Baylis, Mary, by her father.
 *Bannister, Mrs., Newburyport, Mass., U. S.
 Barber, James, Esq., of Georgetown, Ont.
 Barber, Mrs. James, of ditto.
 Barber, Joseph, Esq., of ditto.
 Barber, Mrs. Joseph, of ditto.
 Barber, Frederick, per Joseph Barber.
 Barber, Isabella, per James Barber.
 Barber, I. M., B. A.
 Barber, W. M., per Joseph Barber.
 Barber, Miss F., per Joseph Barber, sen.
 Bogart, D. D., Belleville, Ont.
 Boyd, James, Vankleek Hill.
 Burton, P. H., Montreal.
 Burton, Mrs. P. H., by her husband.
 Butters, Daniel, Montreal.
 Clarke, J. P., Montreal.
 Clarke, Rev. W. F., Guelph, by the late Mr. E. H. Potter, Brantford.
 Clarke, Rev. William, by the late N. Hamilton, Esq., of Paris.
 Clements, N. K., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Cooper, James, Toronto, Ont.
 Cridford, Miss C., by the Kingston Cong. S. School.
 Day, Rev. B. W., of Markham, Ontario, by the Sunday School.
 Dennis, Freeman, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Dougall, John & Son, Montreal.
 Dunn, Robert, Montreal.
 Dunn, Mrs. Robert, by her husband.
 Ebbs, Rev. Edward, by the late Mr. Norman Hamilton.
 Janes, Mrs. S. E., by the late Mr. Norman Hamilton.
 Ebbs, Mrs. Rev. Edward, by her husband.
 Fenwick, Rev. K. M., Kingston, Ontario, by G. Robertson, sen., Esq.
 Fenwick, Arthur, M., Kingston, Ontario.
 Fenwick, G. S., Kingston, Ont.
 Fenwick, Mrs. G. S., by her husband.
 *Fisher, Mrs. Dr., Montreal.
 Foulds, John, Montreal.
 Gibson, Mrs. Rev. J. M., by Dr. Wilkes.
 Hendry, Mrs. Thomas, of Kingston, Ont.
 Hibbard, W. H., Montreal.
 Hamilton, Mrs. Norman, Paris, Ontario, by her husband.
 Hamilton, Elizabeth Sarah, Paris, Ontario, by her father.
 Hannan, M., Montréal.
 Hutchins, Benjamin, Montreal.
 Ireland, William, Montreal.
 Jackson, Rev. S. N., M. D., Toronto, by James Smith, Esq., Architect.
 Jackson, Mrs. H. N., by her son, the Rev. S. N. Jackson.
 Jamieson, R. C., Montreal.
 Jamieson, Mrs. R. C., by her husband.
 Leeming, John, Montreal.
 Leeming, Mrs. John, by her husband.
 Lewis, David, Toronto.
 Linton, James, Montreal.
 Linton, Mrs. James, by her husband.
 Linton, Miss Mary, Montreal.
 Linton, Miss Mima, by her father.
 Lyman, Henry, Montreal.
 Lyman, Mrs. Henry, "
 Lyman, S. J., "
 Lyman, Theodore, "
 Lyman, Theodore P., by his father.
 Lyman, Henry L., "
 *Mayer, J. C., Toronto.
 Macdougall, William, Montreal.
 McDonnough, William.
 McEwen, John, Kingston, Ontario, by the Sabbath School.
 McGregor, Rev. Alexander, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, by N. K. Clements, Esq.
 McGregor, Mrs., Rev. Alexander, by Freeman Dennis, Esq.
 McLachlan, J. S., Montreal.
 McLachlan, Mrs. J. S., "
 McLachlan, Mrs. Wm. "
 McLachlan, William, "
 McLachlan, W. B., by his brother, J. S. McLachlan, Montreal.
 Mills, Mrs. J. E., "
 Moss, George H., "
 Marling, Rev. F. H., Toronto, by N. McEachern, Esq.
 Nivin, William, Montreal.
 O'Hara, H., on Union Picture Account, Bowmanville, Ontario.
 Ross, W. R., Montreal.

Potter, Mrs. E. H., by the late Mr. E. H. Potter.	Waddington, W., Kingston, Ontario, by the Congregational Sunday School.
Reikie, Rev. T. M., Belleville, by G. Robertson, jun., Esq., of Kingston.	Williston, J. Paysen, Northampton, U.S.
Roaf, Mrs. Rev. John, Toronto, by Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D.	Wood, Rev. John, Toronto, by the late Mr. E. H. Potter.
Ross, Mrs, by her husband.	Wood, Mrs. Rev. John, by the late Mr. E. H. Potter.
Robertson, Robert, Lanark.	Wood, Miss Charlotte E., by her father.
Robertson, George, sen., Kingston, Ont.	Wood, Miss S. E. by her father.
Robertson, Mrs. George, sen.	Wood, Henry L., by ditto.
Robertson, George, jun., Kingston, Ont.	Wood, Peter Wentworth, Montreal.
Robertson, Mrs. George, jun., by her husband.	Winks, George, Montreal.
Robertson, B. W., Kingston, Ont.	Wickson, Mrs. James, of Yorkville, by Rev. Edward Ebbs.
Robertson, William, Lanark, Ont.	Whitlaw, Charles, Paris, Ontario.
Robertson, Mrs. William, by her husband.	Whitlaw, Mrs. Charles, Paris, Ont.
Robertson, Thomas, Montreal.	Whitney, N. S., Montreal.
*Stewart, R. D., Philadelphia.	Whitney, Mary, Montreal, by Mrs. J. E. Mills.
Savage, Alfred, Montreal.	Wilkes, James, Brantford, Ont.
Savage, Harry, by the Kingston Cong. S. S.	Wilkes, Henry, D.D., LL. D., by M. F. & B. W.
Savage & Lyman, Montreal.	Wilkes, Mrs. Rev. Dr. by her husband.
Smillie, W. C., Montreal.	Wilkes, Mrs. James, by her husband.
Smillie, Mrs. W. C., Montreal, by her husband.	Wilkes, John Aston, by his father.
Snarr, John, Toronto.	Unsworth, Rev. J., Georgetown, Ontario, by James Barber, sen.
Spalding, Mrs. H. W., Montreal, by her husband.	Unsworth, Mrs. Rev. J., Georgetown, Ontario, by James Barber, sen.
*Tyler, Rev. W. H., Pittsfield, Mass., U.S.	
Turner, John, Toronto, Ont.	

UBSCRIPTIONS (OF ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS), AND COLLECTIONS, 1873-74.

BRANTFORD.		Collection		\$7 96
No List.....	\$75 85			\$18 96
BURFORD.		EMERO.		
Sabbath School.....	\$6 00	Rev. J. Salmon	2 00	
Edmund Yeigh	2 00	Collection.....	18 25	
John Charles	1 00			\$20 25
John Keachie	1 00	FERGUS.		
David Manne.....	1 00	G. S. Armstrong	\$1 00	
Henry Cox.....	5 00	J. Ironside.....	1 00	
Mrs. Cox	5 00	Miss Whitt.....	1 50	
Collection	2 00	John Fraser	1 00	
	\$23 00	E. Barker	1 00	
DOUGLAS.		Small sums	1 00	
Collected by Miss Lightbody.		Collection	4 61	
R. Y. Blyth	\$2 00			\$11 11
James Clyne	1 00	GARAFRAXA FIRST CHURCH.		
W. T. Blyth	1 00	Collected by John Bayne & Mr. Newman.		
R. Bichan	1 00	John Bayne	1 02	
Mrs. Hill	1 00	Wilson Ransom	1 00	
John Hill, Jr.	1 00	Small sums	6 88	
Peter Gerrie	1 00	Coll. by Wm. Burr and George Gerrie.		
Small sums	2 00			
Collected by Miss Tilly Hill—Small sums	1 00			

Infant Class.....	\$2 00
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	\$172 60

SARNIA.

Collections and Subscriptions	\$10 00
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SOUTHWOLD.

C. C. Claris	\$1 00
Collections.....	10 94

STRATFORD.

W. H. Heu de Bourek....	\$5 00
John Hyde, M.D	4 00
Mr. Birch	2 00
John Sharman.....	4 00
Joseph Sharman.....	1 00
John Welsh	1 00
Mr. McKinnon.....	1 00
James Gordon	1 00
Mr. Dutton.....	1 00
Walter Marshall.....	1 00
Mrs. Reynolds.....	1 00
Smaller donations.....	9 00

TILBURY.

Collections.....	\$15 00
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TURNBERRY.

Collections	2 80
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HOWICK,

Collections, 1st & 2nd	10 90
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WARWICK.

Collections and Subscriptions	\$27 15
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WATFORD.

Collections and Subscriptions	20 41
W. C	\$10 00

ONTARIO MIDDLE DISTRICT.

ALBION.

Collection.....	\$5 00
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ALTON.

A friend	\$1 00
Mrs. Denny	1 00
Mrs. Nelson	1 00
James McClellan	1 00
Walter McClellan	1 00
Small sums	16 14
Collection.....	2 85

NORTH ERIN.

Rev. M. S. Gray.....	\$2 00
Dugald McGill	1 00
Duncan McGill	1 00
Donald Blair.....	1 00
Gilbert Thompson	1 00
Collection	1 75
Small sums	6 30

BOWMANVILLE.

Henry O'Hara.....	\$5 00
John McMurtry	5 00
Tait & Arthurs	2 00

Thomas Bassett	\$4 00
D. Stott.....	1 00
C. Stott.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Farewell.....	1 00
F. Farewell	1 00
Mrs. Dilling.....	1 00
Mrs. Sumpter.....	0 50
Mrs. O'Hara, Sen.....	1 00
S. B. Bradshaw.....	1 00
Miss Stuart	2 00
W. McMurtry	4 00
Mrs. W. McMurtry	4 00
Miss Eva McMurtry	1 00
Herbert McMurtry.....	1 00
S. Stephens	5 00
M. McTavish.....	2 00
Wm Perrie	0 50
Mrs. Armour	1 00
Miss Armour	1 00
R. O'Hara	1 00
W. H. Wilson	1 00
Mrs. E. Silver	1 00
John McGill	1 00
W. R. Climie.....	4 00
Rev. J. Allworth.....	5 00
A friend	1 00
Collection.....	

Of which only \$28.78 was in time for this year's account.

CALEDON, SOUTH.

No List.....	13 21
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COLPOY'S BAY.

Collections.....	\$4 75
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GEORGETOWN AND CHURCHILL.

Collected by Misses E. Barber and S. Unsworth.

James Barber, Senr. to constitute Miss A. F. Barber Life Member.....	\$20 00
Joseph Barber, to constitute Miss Nellie Barber, Life Member.....	20 00
George Anderson	10 00
Mrs. Anderson	10 00
Mr. Murdock.....	2 50
Mr. Lynn	2 00
Mr. Burchill	2 00
Mrs. Burchill.....	1 00
Mr. Hardy	1 00
Miss A. Hardy	1 00
Mrs. Dr. McCullough	1 00
Mr. R. Reid.....	1 00
Mrs. Swain.....	1 00
Joseph Barber, Junr	1 00
J. R. Barber	1 00
James Barber, Junr.....	1 00
Mr. Ruddell	1 00
Mrs. McKenzie	1 00
Mr. G. Barnes.....	1 00
E. Bessey.....	1 00
Mrs. G. S. Goodwilla	1 00
Mrs. Anderson (Erin).....	1 00
Mrs. Unsworth	1 00
J. M. Barber	1 00
Small sums	10 00

Public Collection \$19 50

\$112 00

CHURCHILL.

Collected by Misses Swackhamer and Martin.
 C. Swackhamer \$1 00
 John Glen 1 00
 John Smith 1 00
 John McCutcheon 1 00
 Small sums 2 00

Collected by Miss Cameron.

James Cameron 1 00
 Small sums 2 00

\$9 00

MANILLA.

Collected by J. D. McLean.

J. D. McLean \$1 00
 M. McEachearn 1 00
 J. Michael 1 00
 H. McInnis 1 00
 J. Cameron 1 00
 H. McKinnon 1 00
 H. McKay 1 00
 D. McIntyre 1 00
 N. D. McFadyen 1 00
 M. McFadyen 1 00
 Small sums 8 75

Collected by Mrs. McFadyen & Miss McDonald.

G. Thompson 1 00
 J. Ellis 1 00
 R. Edwards 1 00
 Dr. Wylie 1 00
 Richard Edward 1 00
 E. Bowes 1 00
 A. McFayden 1 00
 Small sums 7 50

Collected by Miss McInnis & Miss McDonald.

Rev. D. McGregor 2 00
 A. McInnis 1 00
 A. McIntyre 1 00
 D. McDonald 1 00
 J. McCallum 1 00
 Mrs. McCallum 1 00
 D. Cameron 1 00
 W. Rail 1 00
 Small sums 4 70
 Collection 4 34
 Collection 4 04

\$50 99

MARKHAM AND UNIONVILLE.

Collected by Miss Wales, Markham.

Thomas Smith \$5 00
 H. R. Wales 1 00
 Mrs. H. R. Wales 1 00
 James A. Wales 2 00
 Mrs. Crowle 1 00
 Peter Copeland 1 00
 Mrs. Morgan 1 00
 Mrs. Hall 1 00
 Mrs. Calvert 1 00
 A. Barker 1 00
 Mrs. A. Robinson 1 00
 Messrs Hope 1 00

Small sums & Collection \$18 87

\$34 87

MEAFORD.

H. F. Goss \$1 00
 J. & W. Stuart 1 00
 Small sums 3 75
 Mrs. F. Saunders 1 00
 Mrs. Grant 1 00
 Collection 2 25

\$15 50

THORNBURY.

J. H. Hamilton \$2 00
 T. & W. Andrews 2 00
 Small sums 1 23

NEWMARKET.

A. Shand \$2 00
 Mrs. A. J. McCracken 1 00
 A Friend 1 00
 Mr. Fryatt 1 00
 A Friend 2 00
 John Warner 1 00
 D. A. Peregrine 1 00
 D. Sutherland & Son 1 00
 R. R. Corson 1 00
 Moses Bogart 1 00
 E. Elvidge 1 00
 Mr. Coryell 1 00
 William Parks 1 00
 Mr. Caldwell 1 00
 J. Millard 5 00
 Small sums 2 35
 Collections 1 80

\$29 06

ORO.

Miss Addison, Collector.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas \$2 00
 Thomas S. Macleod 2 00
 William H. Lander 2 00
 T. & R. Thomas 2 00
 Mr. & Mrs. Silcox 2 00
 M. A. Thomas, Missionary box 2 60
 William H. Cannon 1 00
 John Grayham 1 00
 Mrs. Campbell 1 00
 John Gardner 1 00
 Stephen Gardner 1 00
 Robert Milbee 1 00
 P. Cavanagh 1 00
 Small sums 9 40

\$29 00

RUGBY.

Misses Ball, Harvie, & Olmsby's Collection.

Mr. & Mrs. Harvie \$2 00
 S. School Missionary box 7 61
 A. Robertson 1 00
 James Ball 1 00
 John Johnston 1 00
 Small sums 11 39

\$24 00

VESPERA.

Collected by Misses Wood, McGowan
& Robertson.

John McGowan.....	\$3 00
Silas E. Locke.....	2 00
James W. Partridge.....	1 00
John Partridge.....	1 00
Joseph Partridge.....	1 00
Alex. Coutts.....	1 00
Robert McGowan.....	1 00
Charles Wattie.....	1 00
Mrs. Smith.....	1 00
Small sums under \$1.....	16 00
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	\$28 00

OWEN SOUND (for 1873-)

Collections.....	\$23 00
Rev. J. H. Hindley.....	2 50

PINE GROVE.

Collected by Misses Akam and Hutchinson.	
D. Witherspoon.....	\$1 00
John Bennett.....	1 00
Mrs. Stevenson.....	1 00
H. Akam.....	1 00
Nine subscriptions of 50c. each.....	4 50
Seven smaller subscriptions.....	1 73
Collected by Mesdames Keffer and Scott—	
W. W. Smith.....	2 00
Mrs. Abell.....	1 00
A. M. Grieve.....	1 00
Mrs. John Elliot.....	1 00
W. A. Wallis.....	2 00
W. Hartman.....	4 00
Sabbath School.....	5 00
Small subscriptions.....	5 42
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	\$38 68

THISTLETOWN.

J. T. W. Wallis.....	1 00
Mrs. Wallis.....	1 00
Misses Mary & Lizzie Wallis.....	1 00
Mrs. Mary Brown.....	1 00
Master John Wallis and Miss Kate McKillop.....	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Wals.....	1 00
Mrs. Savage.....	2 00
R. Wilson.....	1 00
Collection and small sums.....	2 76
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	\$11 66

STOUFFVILLE.

John Dike.....	\$5 00
B. W. Day.....	2 00
Mrs. B. W. Day.....	2 00
C. D. Mertens.....	2 00
John Mertens.....	2 00
Mrs. E. Wheeler.....	2 00
Godfrey Shankel.....	1 00
M. F. Mertens.....	1 00
R. Barnes.....	1 00
J. Smith.....	1 00
J. German.....	1 00
J. Nichols.....	1 00
C. H. Mertens.....	1 00
Mrs. J. McKennell.....	1 00
Mrs. Mertens, Sen.	1 00

A. Morris.....	\$1 00
H. Johnson.....	1 00
W. Sommerville.....	1 00
Mrs. Morris.....	1 00
Sums under one dollar.....	10 90
Sunday School.....	3 75
Collection at Missionary Meeting.....	5 34
Sabbath collection.....	4 90
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	\$52 89

ALFONA.

Timothy Millard.....	\$2 00
Mrs. T. Millard.....	1 00
Joseph Monkhouse.....	1 00
Thomas Monkhouse.....	1 00
Daniel Barkey.....	1 00
James Blackie.....	1 00
George Robinson.....	1 00
Sums under \$1.....	1 75
Sunday collection.....	2 70
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	\$12 45

TORONTO—ZION CHURCH.

Collected by Mrs. Bolton, Elliot, Lillie, and
Misses Elliot, Howell and Hamilton.

John Adams.....	\$5 00
Mrs. Adams.....	\$2 00
Miss Adams.....	1 00
W. C. Ashdown.....	1 00
Mrs. Anker.....	1 00
H. N. Baird.....	4 00
Mrs. Bolton.....	1 00
Miss Blackburn.....	2 00
Mrs. Clapp.....	1 00
G. J. Chancey.....	1 00
S. Davison.....	10 00
William Dixon.....	2 00
John Dalziel.....	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Elliot.....	1 00
Mrs. Ellingsworth.....	2 00
John Elliot.....	1 00
Richard Flint.....	2 00
William Freeland.....	2 00
A friend.....	1 00
".....	1 00
J. Grant.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Grand.....	1 00
Joseph Greenfield.....	1 00
S. E. Gibbs.....	1 00
Charles Green.....	1 00
Samuel Greey.....	2 00
A. Haldane.....	10 00
Mrs. Hubbard.....	1 00
Miss Howie.....	1 00
G. A. Hine.....	10 00
Captain Hamilton.....	1 00
Mrs. Hulme.....	1 00
Miss Hamilton.....	1 00
David Higgins.....	15 00
J. F. Howell.....	1 00
Miss Howell.....	1 00
John Hewlett.....	2 00
Samuel N. Jackson (to make his mother a life member).....	20 00
Thomas Lounsborough.....	5 00
Mrs. Lewis.....	1 00
Mrs. McPhail.....	5 00

Mrs. McClay.....	\$1 00
Henry Northway.....	1 00
J. D. Nasmith.....	5 00
Thomas Norman.....	1 00
Mrs. William Nickoll.....	2 00
J. Passmore.....	1 00
Edwin Potts.....	1 00
Dr. Richardson.....	2 00
John Snarr.....	10 00
James Stibbs.....	5 00
Thomas Snell.....	1 00
William Siddell.....	2 00
George Strathern.....	2 00
George Snarr.....	1 00
A. E. Standen.....	1 00
James Smith.....	10 00
Mrs. Thorley.....	1 00
John Wightman.....	8 00
A. Wylie.....	1 00
John Wickson.....	15 00
Mrs. Wickson.....	1 00
Henry Wickson.....	2 00
Mrs. Thomas Webb.....	2 00
Henry Webb.....	1 00
Sums less than \$1.....	4 25
Collection.....	18 22

\$223 57

TORONTO—BOND STREET.

Benevolent Fund.....	\$250 00
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UNIONVILLE

Collected by Misses Braithwaite & Kellet

Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Eckhardt.....	\$5 00
M. M. & Mrs. Braithwaite.....	4 00
Miss C. Braithwaite.....	1 00
“ M. “.....	1 00
George “.....	1 00
Edward “.....	1 00
Miss E. H. Sweeting.....	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Crosby.....	1 00
Miss S. A. Eckardt.....	1 00
Dr. Eckardt.....	1 00
Homer Eckardt.....	1 00
Clarence Eckardt.....	1 00
Mary Quantz.....	1 00
Sabbath Collection.....	6 00
Small sums.....	16 70

\$42 70

WHITBY.

Collected by Miss S. Fuller and Mrs. R. Johnston.

Ross Johnston.....	\$2 00
Mrs. Hawley.....	1 00
Mr. Knott.....	1 00
J. R. Hill.....	1 00
Rev. S. T. Gibbs.....	1 00
A friend.....	2 00
Mr. Burns.....	1 00
Mrs. Greenwood.....	1 00
Mrs. Gilvray.....	1 00
Mrs. Gerrie.....	1 00
Mrs. Whitfield.....	1 00
Mrs. J. T. Byrne.....	1 00
Miss S. J. Johnston.....	1 00
Mrs. Jones.....	1 00
Mrs. Sonley.....	1 00

Miss Fuller.....	\$1 00
Robert.....	1 00
M. S. Gibbs.....	1 00
Sums 50c. and under.....	2 75
Collections, including Sunday School	12 25
Communion Service, in part.....	6 00
	\$41 00

ONTARIO—EASTERN DISTRICT.

BELLEVILLE.

Thomas Watkins.....	\$5 00
B. Snuggs.....	1 00
A. G. Northrup.....	2 00
W. Slack.....	1 00
John Forin.....	1 00
W. H. Vantassel.....	1 00
G. V. N. Relyea.....	1 00
E. Miles.....	1 00
Samuel Benson.....	2 00
William Meek.....	1 00
C. Wilson.....	1 00
William McAdie.....	1 00
E. W. Holton.....	5 00
A. Christie.....	6 00
A friend.....	1 00
Dr. Hope.....	2 00
F. McAnnanny.....	2 00
George F. Tichel.....	4 00
B. B. Ross.....	2 00
.....	1 00
Small sums.....	0 50
Collection at Missionary Meeting.....	6 23

\$47 73

BROCKVILLE.

J. R. Griffin.....	\$4 00
Mrs. Charles Jones.....	4 00
B. C. Shepherd.....	2 00
Rev. E. Ireland.....	2 00
F. Hall.....	2 00
Mrs. H. A. Alden.....	2 00
Mrs. Halsay.....	1 00
F. Soper.....	4 00
Mrs. D. Picken.....	1 00
Mrs. F. Grey.....	1 00
Mrs. W. Veitch.....	1 00
Mrs. Warwick.....	1 00
Mrs. Donaldson.....	1 00
Mrs. Purvis.....	1 00
James Hall.....	1 00
Mr. Levi.....	1 00
Mr. Goldthorpe.....	1 00
Six subscriptions, 50c.....	3 00

\$33 00

COBOURG.

No List.....	\$30 70
Collection.....	4 15

\$34 85

COLD SPRINGS.

Collection at Annual Meeting.....	\$1 00
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Collected by Miss E. Eagleson and
Miss Davidson.

Mrs. Kelly.....	\$1 00
Family of late Rev. C. Pedley	5 00
William Eagleson.....	2 00
Miss E. Davidson.....	1 00
John Davidson.....	1 00
Mr. Stewart.....	1 00
James Ford.....	1 00

Collected by Miss Braden.

R. McBride.....	1 00
G. Avery.....	1 00
Robert Eagleson.....	1 00
Rev. James Howell (21 subscription).....	1 00
Wm. Armstrong.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	1 21

Collected by Mrs. McCullough.

John McCullough.....	1 00
Mrs. Jane McCullough.....	2 00
George Kent.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	8 50
Collection.....	4 75

\$35 46

INDIAN LANDS.

D. Munroe.....	\$1 00
D. McEwen.....	1 00
Mr. McColl.....	1 00
D. McDougall.....	1 00
D. Kennedy.....	1 00
J. McEwen.....	1 00
Mrs. D.....	1 00
Thomas Munroe.....	1 50
Thomas McEwen.....	1 00
John Robinson.....	1 00
J. A. McEwen.....	1 00
P. A. McDougall.....	1 00
D. McEwen.....	1 00
A. McEwen.....	1 00
P. McDougall.....	1 00
A. D. Aird.....	1 75
Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson.....	1 25
Mrs. W. Kennedy.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.....	5 00
A. McDougall and family.....	2 00
P. Sinclair.....	1 00
G. Begg.....	1 00
Rev. D. Macallum.....	2 00
Mrs. Macallum.....	2 00
Mrs. D. McEwen.....	1 00
Collection.....	4 50

\$38 00

KINGSTON.

George Robertson & Son.....	\$100 00
George S. Fenwick.....	80 00
Mrs. Thomas Hendry.....	20 00
B. M. Robertson.....	20 00
Rev. K. M. Fenwick.....	10 00
Sabbath School, to constitute Mr. Henry Savage, Librarian, and Miss C. Crid- ford, Organist, Life-members.....	45 60
George Chaffey.....	5 00
A friend.....	5 00
Thomas Robertson.....	5 00
Ira A. Breck.....	5 00
John McKelvey.....	2 00

John McMillan.....	\$2 00
Thomas Barlow.....	2 00
Miss Sampson.....	2 00
Thomas Savage.....	2 00
Folger Brothers.....	2 00
Robert Hendry, Junr.....	1 00
J. Hewett.....	1 00
T. Hayward.....	1 00
P. R. Henderson.....	1 00
Mr. McMahon.....	1 00
R. Softley.....	1 00
J. George.....	1 00
George Thompson.....	1 00
William Nickle.....	1 00
R. Rattenbury.....	1 00
Thomas McBride.....	1 00
W. B. Chaffey.....	1 00
John Cridford.....	1 00
Thomas Clyde.....	1 00
Dr. Jarvis.....	1 00
Thomas Nicholson.....	1 00
Mrs. Sweetland.....	1 00
J. McEwan.....	1 00
J. Reed.....	1 00
J. Reed.....	0 50
H. Ives.....	0 50

\$327 60

LANARK.

Rev. John Brown.....	\$5 00
John Mait.....	8 00
Robert Watt.....	2 00
Thomas Watt.....	2 00
William Robertson.....	5 00
Robert Robertson.....	3 00
Mrs. Baird.....	4 00
James Bowes.....	1 00
Wm. Caldwell.....	4 00
Boyd Caldwell.....	4 00
Mrs. A. G. Hall.....	1 50
John McIntyre.....	1 00
Joseph Richardson.....	1 00
Miss Mason.....	1 00
Small sums.....	6 25
Collection.....	2 37

\$51 12

MARTINTOWN.

P. Christie.....	\$2 00
Mrs. Christie.....	2 00
D. R. Macallum.....	1 00
A. McDermid.....	2 00
H. Christie.....	2 00
Mr. Smart.....	1 00
A. Campbell.....	1 00
J. Macallum.....	1 00
Mrs. Macallum.....	2 90
Miss M. Christie.....	1 00
H. F. McDermid.....	2 00
Collection.....	4 30

\$21 30

MIDDLEVILLE SECTION.

James Campbell.....	\$4 00
John Affleck.....	2 00
Robert Affleck.....	2 00
Mrs. James Rankin.....	1 00

Rev. R. Brown.....	\$1 00
Miss Della Brown	1 00
A. R. McIntyre.....	1 50
Robert Affleck, Jr.	1 00
Gabriel Peacock.....	1 00
Wm. Croft and family.....	2 60
John Rankin.....	1 00
Mrs. Robert Somerville.....	1 00
Wm. Guthrie.....	1 00
John Somerville.....	1 00
W. Angus.....	1 00
Four subscriptions, 50c. each	2 00
Three subscriptions, 50c. each.....	1 50
Smaller sums.....	1 15
Collection.....	4 11

\$30 86

MIDDLEVILLE—HOPETOWN SECTION.

Collected by Miss McIlraith and Miss Molyneux.

John McIlraith.....	\$1 00
Ed. Ball	1 00
Mrs. Linninger.....	1 00
George Bullock.....	1 00
Miss Craig.....	1 00
Small sums	5 25
Collection	2 19

\$14 19

ROSETTA SECTION.

James Robertson	\$4 00
Robert Peacock	1 00
William Craig.....	1 00
William Aitkin	1 00
John Givens	1 50
William Givens	1 00
Janet Peacock.....	1 00
Three contributions, 50c. each.....	1 50
Collection.....	82

\$12 82

OTTAWA.

James Jarvis.....	\$5 00
William Young	5 00
Mrs. Walder	5 00
Henry Hatch.....	5 00
Andrew Hatch.....	5 00
John Hill.....	2 00
R. J. Rodden	2 00
William Kerr.....	2 00
H. Pritchard	2 00
James Ogilvey	2 00
A. J. Stephens	2 00
Miss Sharpley.....	2 00
Mrs. T. Rodden	1 00
Thomas Gallagher	1 06
Mrs. Ackroyd	1 00
H. McLean.....	1 00
A. H. Matthewman	1 00
Mrs. Mumford.....	1 00
P. Stiff	1 00
John Lamb	1 00
Mrs. John Lamb.....	1 00
W. A. Lamb	1 00
N. A. Woodbury.....	1 00
W. Rice.....	1 00
Mr. Thackeray	1 00

J. A. K��nher.....	\$1 00
Mrs. Ruthven	1 00
Under \$1.....	3 00
Rev. J. G. Sanderson	4 00
Mrs. James Lamb.....	1 00
Mrs. S. Sutton	1 00

\$63 00

VANKLEEK HILL.

A. D. Tweed	\$1 00
J. P. Wells.....	2 00
D. Cameron.....	2 00
George Clere	4 00
W. McKillican	3 00
T. C. Ross	1 00
D. Young.....	1 00
Mr. Foote.....	2 00
Rev. W. M. Peacock	1 00
Miss McKillican.....	1 00
A friend	2 00
Small sums	0 50
Collection.....	5 21

\$25 71

QUEBEC E. DISTRICT.

DANVILLE.

No List.....	\$11 00
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EATON.

Collected by Misses Powers & Farnsworth.

S. A. Hurd.....	\$4 00
E. J. Sherill.....	3 00
H. French.....	2 50
G. W. Powers	2 00
A. Sawyer.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	5 10
Collection at Missionary Meeting.....	4 58
Collected by Miss A. Brown.	
N. Hill & family	1 10
William Brown & family	1 15
William Alger & family.....	1 00

COOKSHIRE.

Collected by Miss J. French.

C. H. Coswell.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodwin	1 00
Mr. & Mrs. C. Bailey	1 00
Smaller sums.....	1 00

LEARNED PLAIN.

Collected by Mrs. Learned & Miss Brown.

E. Learned.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	3 11
Collection at Meeting	0 66

\$34 30

FITCH BAY AND NORTH STANSTEAD.

Collected by Alma Brainard.

T. D. Brainard	\$2 00
Israel Brainard.....	1 00
A. J. Brainard	1 00
O. G. Brown	1 00
Joshua R. Davies	1 00
Small sums	0 75

Collected by Florence Brown.

J. E. Shurtliff.....	\$1 00
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J. H. Brown	\$1 00
C. S. Harris.....	1 00
W. M. Clark	1 00
Small sums.....	3 40

Collected by Ida Magoon & Frances Blake.

Aaron Magoon.....	\$1 00
Thaddeus Blake	1 00
Small sums.....	1 50

Collected by Emma Blake.

S. P. Adams.....	\$2 00
John G. Christie.....	1 00
L. Magoon.....	1 00
William Daloff	1 00
Small sums	2 85

Collections at Missionary Meetings.

Coburns	\$5 05
Bay	4 62
Tichurst	5 41

\$40 58

GRANBY VILLAGE.

S. H. C. Miner	\$5 00
J. Lincoln	1 00
J. Duncan	1 00
David Downs.....	2 00
Rev. Charles Brooks	3 00
T. Amycoud	1 00
J. A. Downs	1 00
H. Lyman	1 00
J. McIntosh	1 00
B. Savage.....	1 00
A. Laughery	1 00
D. D. Nighswander	1 00
Mrs. D. D. Nighswander.....	1 00
H. & W. Miner	1 00
W. C. Harrington.....	1 00
A. Kay	1 00
Rev. Mr. Howell	1 00
A. Chalmers.....	1 00
Josiah Herrick	1 00
Small sums	6 00
Collection, less expenses \$3.....	13 69

\$45 69

SOUTH RIDGE.

J. Duncan	\$2 00
W. Butterfield	1 00
A. Chalmers.....	1 00
A. Douglass.....	1 00
Robert Allen	1 00
Small sums.....	3 00
Collection	4 14

\$13 14

MAWCOOK.

A. Welsh	\$1 00
John Baird	1 00
evi Hungerford	1 00
John Kent	1 00
Collection	6 42

\$10 41

DURHAM.

Collections	4 05
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MELBOURNE.

No List.....	4 00
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Collections	\$6 11
	\$20 11

WINDSOR MILLS.

Collections.....	18 47
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ZION CHURCH, MONTREAL.

Ladies' Missionary Association.....	\$50 00
Zion Church Sunday School	100 00
J. S. McLachlan	60 00
W. C. Smillie.....	25 00
Henry Lyman	25 00
Robert Dunn, to constitute John M. Dunn a life member.....	25 00
P. H. Burton, to constitute Alfred Burton a life member	25 00
Henry Wilkes, to constitute Mrs. (Rev. J. M.) Gibson a life member	20 00
Theo. Lyman, to constitute Theo. P. Lyman a life member	20 00
James Baylis, to constitute Mary Baylis a life member.....	20 00
Thomas Robertson, to constitute Rev. C. Chapman a life member.....	20 00
R. C. Jamieson	20 00
Mrs. Henry Lyman.....	20 00
Henry Birks	20 00
James Linton.....	20 00
W. R. Ross	20 00
George W. Moss	20 00

Half collections at Missionary Prayer-meeting.....

Charles Alexander	16 53
Rev. Charles Chapman	10 00
William Moodie.....	10 00
J. C. Barton	10 00
John Dougall & Son.....	10 00
Robert Mills	10 00
Alfred Savage.....	8 00
John Dougall & Co	8 00
Dr. Cornish	5 00
C. B. Black	5 00
William Reid.....	5 00
John Burgess	5 00
Wm. MacDougall	5 00
J. Brown	5 00
A. Spaulding	5 00
Edward Evans	5 00
John Mackintosh	5 00
Wm. Nivin.....	4 00
S. J. Lyman	4 00
A. McKeand	4 00
Henry Vennor.....	3 00
Mrs. Walker	2 00
Mr. Sharpley.....	2 00
Miss Robertson.....	2 00
J. C. Beers	2 00
H. Chandler	2 00
Mr. Lavers	2 00
J. B. L.....	2 00
Mrs. Nutting.....	1 50
A. Birks	1 00
W. McLaren	1 00
A. Douglass	1 00
C. Candlish	1 00
A. Bowman	1 00
A. Perry	1 00
P. Cowper	1 00

Anonymous	\$1 00
Dr. Thompson.....	1 00
R. Herring	1 00
Wm. Ireland	1 00
M. Rollins	1 00
H. Ross	1 00
Mr. McGregor	1 00
Miss Green.....	1 00
Mr. Short.....	1 00
Miss Swanson.....	1 00
C. E. W	1 00
A. Robertson.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	1 50

\$698 53

Of which \$561 53 only was in time for the account.

QUEBEC.

Ladies' Association	\$10 00
" Too late.....	\$15 00

SHERBROOKE AND LENNOXVILLE.

Thomas S. Morey.....	\$5 00
Hon. J. S. Sanborn	5 00
E. Hargrave	5 00
A. Paton.....	5 00
F. J. Tuck.....	5 00
Rev. A. Duff.....	5 00
S. J. Foss	4 00
John McNicol	3 00
S. B. Sanborn.....	3 00
Hon J. G. Robertson, M.P.P.....	3 00
C. H. Fletcher	3 00
F. S. Morey	2 00
G. B. Loomis.....	2 00
H. Hubbard.....	2 00
Miss K. H. Duff	2 00
E. H. Duff	2 00
L. Farwell	2 00
Miss E. A. Dickinson.....	2 00
Mrs. J. C. Eaton	2 00
Mrs. Joshua Foss.....	2 00
M. McKechnie	2 00
G. R. Paton.....	2 00
Miss Farnham.....	2 00
Bradford S. Morehouse.....	2 00
W. F. Myron.....	1 00
Mrs. H. Hubbard	1 00
P. Hubbard.....	1 00
G. H. Hubbard.....	1 00
Samuel Tuck.....	1 00
Mrs. T. J. Tuck.....	1 00
Mrs. Bailey	1 00
Wm. Addie.....	1 00
Wm. Barlow	1 00
Wm. Duddy.....	1 00
Wm. Jarret	1 00
A. Bonallie.....	1 00
Wm. White	1 00
Mrs. M. C. White	1 00
James S Mitchell	1 00
S. Lebourveau.....	1 00
S. B. Jencks.....	1 00
J. C. Eaton	1 00
James Kilgour.....	1 00
Jos. Loring	1 00
J. H. Kathen.....	1 00
Charles Bryant.....	1 00

J. S. Walton	\$1 00
W. Cameron	1 00
Wm. Caird.....	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Foss ..	1 00
Miss E. Sutton	1 00
R. L. Harvey.....	1 00
G. C. Foote.....	1 00
John McLeod	1 00
Peter McLellan.....	1 00
Small sums at Sherbrooke	15 42
J. Scott.....	5 00
Charles Brooks	4 00
A. Stevens	2 00
E. W. Abbott	2 00
Misses Ball	2 00
Mrs. Dean	2 00
Mrs. Brooks.....	2 00
Mrs. Oughtred	2 00
Mrs. F. Mitchell.....	1 00
E. J. Brooks	1 00
E. G. Brooks	1 00
Mrs. Hall	1 00
Robert Mitchell, Jr	1 00
H. S. Cutter.....	1 00
H. McFadden	1 00
John Morrison.....	1 00
Small sums at Lennoxville.....	6 95

\$154 87

Of which \$143.18 is included in this account.

WATERVILLE.

Rev. Geo. Purkis	\$2 00
L. W. Wyman.....	1 00
John McIntosh	1 00
John Thomson	1 00
George Thomson.....	1 00
M. Healy	1 00
Thomas Cross	1 00
A. Horn	1 00
William Palmer	1 00
William Gibb	1 00
Frank Fowler & L. Johnston.....	1 00
C. O. Swanson & J. Kimbel.....	1 00
S. Vance & F. Wiggett.....	1 00
L. M. Emerson & James McGovern...	1 00
James Lyttle & O. M. Swanson.....	1 00
George Eadie & W. Aulice	1 00
John McIntosh, Jur., & Jas. McIntosh ..	1 00
Alex. Laird & Fred Williams	1 00
John Smith & Andrew Gerners	1 00
Danl. McIver & John McMillen.....	1 00
William Johnson	0 50
In small sums.....	5 35
A friend per W. H. Warriner, and Collection.....	\$7 64

\$34 49

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

BROOKLYN AND BEACH MEADOWS.

Capt. James McLeod	\$1 00
" Henry Wharton	1 00
" Edward McLeod.....	1 00

Lewis Gardner	\$1 00
Augustus McLeod	1 00
Joseph Chandler, Esq.	1 00
Mrs. Spencer Smith.....	1 00
Willie Smith's Missionary Box.....	0 64
Capt. Henry Smith	1 00
Thomas Gardner	1 00
Rev. C. Duff	3 00
Miss Isabel McLeod	1 00
Capt. George McLeod.....	1 00
Mrs. Capt. Israel Wharton	1 50
Small sums	25 61
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	\$41 75

Too late for 1874.

CHEBOGUE, N. S.

Ne List.....	\$10 00
KESWICK RIDGE, N. B.	
William Mitchel, Snr.....	\$1 00
George Mitchel	1 00
Samuel Clark.....	1 00
Norman Jewett.....	1 00
Alexander Coultard	1 00
Thomas Coburn	1 00
S. Sykes	2 00
Mrs. S. Sykes	1 00
Smaller Subscriptions.....	17 00
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	\$26 00

Too late for 1874.

LIVERPOOL, N. S.

Collection and Subscription.....	\$10 60
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Too late for 1874.

MAITLAND AND NOEL, N. S.

SALMA.

Collected by Misses Antony & Crowe.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Antony and family.....	\$2 32
David Crowe and family	5 00
James Crowe and family	1 62
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Anthony	1 25
W. Creelman	1 00
Rev. J. R. Kean	4 00
Small sums.....	4 31

Collected at Five Mill River, by

Misses McDougal.

Dougal McDougal and family	\$1 75
Caleb Jackson and family	1 75
John Cameron	1 00
R. Christian.....	1 00
Angus Rose	1 00
Duncan Cameron and family.....	1 00
Small sums.....	15 10

NOEL.

J. M. O'Brien	\$1 00
M. R. Sterling	1 00
Small sums	4 00

BURNCOAT AND MORBROOK.

A. M. Crowe and family	1 00
R. Faulker and family.....	1 25
W. Ferguson and family.....	1 00
J. O'Brien	1 00
W. Henderson.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 95

Too late for 1874.

MILTON, N. S.

Hon. F. Tupper	\$10 00
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R. K. Black.....	\$10 00
Miss E. Tupper.....	5 00
W. H. Freeman.....	4 87
E. H. Freeman ..	4 00
F. Tupper.....	4 00
A. Tupper.....	4 00
J. Tupper.....	4 00
Miss J. Tupper	2 00
R. Knowles ..	1 50
H. Bell ..	1 00
Mrs. P. Freeman	1 50
Mrs. Pearson	1 00
Alice Pearson	1 00
M. & L. Black	1 00
Archie Tupper	1 00
F. Tupper, Jr.....	1 00
J. Parsons	1 00
N. Whitman	1 00
Mrs. C. Moreton.....	2 00
H. L. Tupper.....	1 00
Fred Tupper	1 00
Small sums.....	9 22

Too late for 1874.

\$70 09

PLEASANT RIVER.

David Freeman.....	\$2 00
Rev. J. Shipperly	2 00
H. Allen Freeman	1 08
J. N. Waterman	1 00
Mrs. David Freeman.....	1 00
Mrs. N. D. Fancy	1 00
Collection at meeting.....	2 76
“ “ Brookfield	30
“ “ New Elm	19

LA HAVE ROAD STATION.

David Boliver.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	7 00
Collection at meeting.....	1 08

OHIO STATION.

John Sink	1 00
Smaller sums.....	5 29
Collection.....	75
From sale of hymn books.....	50

Too late for 1874.

\$27 41

SHEFFIELD, N. B.

Collected by Misses Annie Harrison, Louisa Burpee, Lottie Upton and Lizzie Barker.

James Harrison	\$1 00
Mrs. James Harrison.....	1 00
Hon. Charles Harrison.....	2 00
Mrs. Charles Harrison.....	1 00
Miss M. Harrison.....	1 00
A. Harrison.....	1 00
Mrs. A. Harrison	1 00
Rev. W. Williams.....	1 00
Mrs. Williams.....	1 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Burpee	1 00
H. P. Bridges and family.....	3 00
Jeremiah Burpee	1 00
Stephen Burpee.....	1 00
Mrs. George Burpee.....	1 00
D. H. Burpee.....	1 00
Mrs. D. H. Burpee.....	1 00
George F. Burpee.....	1 00
Moses Burpee	1 00
Miss Louisa Burpee.....	1 00

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.
CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, APRIL 1, 1874.

DR.		CR.	
To Received from Western District.....	\$766 94	By Expenditure, Western Ontario (\$41 13 Expenses)	\$1350 34
To Too late last year, including Annual Collection, } Brantford	92 33	“ “ Middle “ (\$91 16 Expenses)	1549 91
To Received, Middle Ontario, including too late		“ “ Eastern “ (\$84 14 Expenses)	1505 72
“ “ Eastern Ontario, “		“ “ Quebec “ (\$14 13 Expenses)	633 33
“ “ Quebec District.....	\$913 71	“ “ N. S. & N. B., (\$231.70 Expenses)	1553 25
To Too late last year	89 85	“ Rev. Danl. Macallum, Minister at large	173 43
		“ General Expenses, including \$111 80 for Annual Report	144 41
To N. S. & N. B. District, including too late.....	1090 24	From this item is <i>deducted</i> \$30 05 interest on special deposit ac-	
“ Received from Colonial Missionary Society ...	1937 76	count, and added the difference between the price at which	
“ Last Year's Balance for July	1247 74	exchange was sold, and 9 per cent. premium.	
		By Balance of July Quarter... ..	1139 72

			\$8018 06
To Balance for July Quarter... ..	\$1139 72	The Amount of July Quarter, for which the Society is pledged is	
		\$1516 00.	

E. & O. E., Montreal, April 1st, 1874.

HENRY WILKES, G. S. T.

N.B.—This Account will be audited in due course.

There remains a special deposit of \$750, as reported last year.



THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Congregational College

OF

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, HELD AT TORONTO,
JUNE 12TH, 1874.

TORONTO:
HUNTER, ROSE & CO., PRINTERS, KING ST. WEST.
1874.

Form of a Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the Congregational College of British North America, a body corporate by Act of Parliament of the Province of Canada, A.D., 1864, the sum of _____

_____ [Either without designation, or “*to be added to the Endowment Fund* of said College,”] out of my estate without any charge or deduction whatever, to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease; and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer for the time being of the said College shall be a sufficient and valid discharge of said legacy.

N.B.—The Act of Incorporation contains the following clause :—

“*No bequest in favour of said Corporation shall be valid unless made at least six months before the death of the person making the same.*”

OFFICERS
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE,
1874-75.

Chairman :—

THE REV. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A.

Treasurer :—

MR. R. C. JAMIESON.

Secretary :—

THE REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.

Directors :—

THE REV. DR. WILKES,
“ K. M. FENWICK,
“ A. DUFF,
“ JOHN FRASER,
“ R. K. BLACK,
“ F. H. MARLING,
“ J. F. STEVENSON, LL.B.
MESSRS. C. ALEXANDER, M.P.P.
JAMES BAYLIS,
P. W. WOOD,

MESSRS. HENRY LYMAN,
HENRY VENNOR,
C. R. BLACK,
THEO. LYMAN,
JAMES WOODROW,
ROBT. BENNETT,
JAS. LINTON,
W. P. CARTER,
HON. JUDGE SANBORN,
MR. J. S. McLACHLAN.

Principal :—

THE REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., LL.D.

Professors and Lecturers :—

THE REV. DR. WILKES,

Systematic Theology, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Church History.

THE REV. G. CORNISH, M.A., LL.D.,

Greek Testament Exegesis.

THE REV. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A.,

Evidences and Biblical Literature.

THE REV. K. M. FENWICK,

Historical Theology.

Auditors :—

MESSRS. J. B. LEARMONT AND ROBT. MILLS.



I. COURSE OF STUDY.

According to the Regulations of the College, the full course of Study extends over five Sessions, and is divided into a literary Course of two Sessions, and a Theological Course of three Sessions. Candidates for admission to the Full Course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination of the McGill University, in the following subjects :—

Classics, Mathematics, and English.

In Classics.—Latin Grammar, Greek Grammar, and one easy Latin and one easy Greek author. The authors recommended are :—Cæsar ; Sallust ; Virgil (*Æneid* B. I.) ; Xenophon (*Anabasis* B. I.) ; Homer (*Iliad* B. I.).

In Mathematics.—Arithmetic ; Algebra, to Simple Equations, inclusive ; Euclid's Elements, Books I. II. and III.

In English.—Writing from dictation.

For the literary and scientific subjects of the Full Course, the students attend the classes of the Faculty of Arts in McGill College, according to the terms of affiliation with the University, in which Faculty the Full Course extends over four years, and leads to the degree of B.A. But in the Third and Fourth Years, Theological students are allowed exemption from attendance on certain classes, should they desire it. Thus the studies of the Third and Fourth Years of the Full Course are prosecuted simultaneously in the Faculty of Theology and in the Faculty of Arts. The work of the Fifth Year is confined to the Faculty of Theology.

The following is the course of study in the University which students in Theology must pass through in order to obtain the degree of B.A. :—

First Year.—Classics ; French or German or Hebrew ; English Literature ; Pure Mathematics ; History ; Elementary Chemistry.

Second Year.—Classics ; French or German or Hebrew ; English Literature ; Logic ; Pure Mathematics ; Botany.

Third Year.—Classics ; English Literature ; Mental and Moral Philosophy ; Mixed Mathematics ; Zoology.

Fourth Year.—Classics ; Mental and Moral Philosophy ; Mixed Mathematics ; Mineralogy and Geology.

The Theological Course proper begins with the Third Year of the Full Course and extends over three full Sessions. It embraces the following subjects :—(1) Systematic Theology ; (2) Historical Theology ; (3) Pastoral Theology ; (4) Homiletics ; (5) Greek Testament Exegesis ; (6) Church History ; (7) Evidences and Biblical Literature.

In both Departments, the Session begins at the middle of September ; and examinations are held at Christmas and at the end of the Session in the several subjects of the year. Students must pass these examinations as a condition of maintaining their proper status. Candidates who are admitted to the Theological course proper ("Shorter"), in accordance with § 3, Chap. IV. of the Regulations, are required to attend such classes in McGill College as the Faculty of Theology may deem expedient, and also to pass the examination of such classes.

II. BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE CORPORATION.

1. This Corporation is called "THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA."

2. Its object is to educate Ministers for the Congregational Churches of Canada and the other Provinces of British North America.

3. All who contribute one dollar annually to the funds of the College are members of the Corporation, and entitled to a voice in the management of its affairs.

4. A Regular Meeting of the Corporation is held annually, for the reception of the Report of the retiring Directors, the election of a new Board, and the transaction of other necessary business.

5. The Annual Meeting is held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada.

6. Special Meetings of the Corporation may be held for the transaction of special business, on a requisition to that effect to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, signed by, at least, twenty members of the Corporation. Provided always, that no such Special Meeting be held without two months' public notice thereof, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The Board of Directors is elected from members of the Corporation, and consists of a Chairman, Treasurer, one or more Secretaries, and not less than fifteen nor more than twenty other members, who hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-election.

2. Five members of the Board form a Quorum.

3. The functions and duties of the Board are :—The oversight and management of the affairs of the College during their year of office ; and on the expiration of the same, to present a report of their proceedings, as well as of the general condition of the College, to the Corporation at its Annual Regular Meeting, or at such other times as the Corporation may require.

4. The proceedings of the Board of Directors are subject to the sanction of the Corporation, and are regulated by By-laws, which may be enacted, amended, or repealed at any Annual Meeting.

5. Vacancies in the Board, whether occurring by death or resignation, may be filled by the Board, as soon after their occurrence as it may see fit. Provided always, that no such appointments be made without a vote of, at least, a majority of the members of the Board.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The Professors receive their appointment from the Corporation ; or in excep-

tional cases, from the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Corporation.

2. Their duties and their salaries are determined by such regulations as the Corporation may from time to time ordain in that behalf.

3. The Professors constitute a Faculty of Theology, and, as such, are entrusted with the educational department of the College, subject to the sanction and control of the Board of Directors.

4. In cases of Discipline, the Faculty may admonish or reprimand a Student, or prohibit his attendance on the classes, preliminary to reporting him to the Board to be further dealt with.

5. The Faculty are required to make regular reports of their proceedings to the Board.

CHAPTER IV.

OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

1. Every Candidate for admission into the College must present to the Directors the testimony of the Church of which he is a member, respecting his piety and apparent suitableness to the work of the Ministry, together with a written statement of the grounds of his own conviction that he is called of God to that work, and of his views of Christian doctrine and Church Government.

2. Candidates for admission to the Full Course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination in the McGill University.

3. Candidates who are graduates of any University, or who can satisfy the Board that they are otherwise possessed of sufficient acquirements, may be at once admitted to the Theological Course. Also, as exceptional cases, such candidates may be admitted to that course as it may be expedient, in the judgment of the Directors, to train as preachers, without the ordinary literary culture.

4. Approved Candidates are received on a probation of four months, at the close of which, if the result of their probation be satisfactory, they are admitted to the Full Course.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE STUDENTS.

1. Students are, during their Literary Course, under the general supervision of the Theological Professors, and take such subjects in the Theological Department as the Board may direct.

2. The Students, both in the Literary and the Theological Department, are required to attend exclusively to the studies approved by the Board.

3. Every Student, on his admission into the College, is required to sign a declaration of obedience and consent to the By-laws and Regulations of the College.

4. Students are allowed to live with such families only as are approved by the Board of Directors. Changes of abode must be promptly notified to the Secretary of the College.

5. Attendance upon the classes in the College and the use of the Library is allowed without charge to the Students. Aid may also be granted to them from its funds, to meet the expense of Board;—the amount of such aid to be fixed at the beginning of each Session.

6. As a part of their preparation for their future work, the Students, under the sanction of the Directors, preach the Gospel, as they have the opportunity.

7. Every Student, when admitted into the College on the expiration of the term of his probation, is required to procure a formal dismissal from the Church to which he formerly belonged, and, without delay, to obtain admission into a Congregational Church in the place in which the College may be. Such dismissal and admission must be reported by him to the Board. Furthermore, he is expected to be as regular as possible in his attendance upon the service, ordinances and church-meetings of the Church to which he belongs during his College course.

8. Students are not allowed during their College course, to enter into the marriage relationship, without the knowledge and consent of the Board of Directors.

9. Students who leave the College without obtaining the official sanction and discharge of the Board, are required to refund to the College the amount expended by it for their education.

10. Churches who desire the services of Students with the view of permanent settlement in the Pastorate, or otherwise, are requested to communicate with the Board, through the Secretary.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

1. The Full Course of study extends over five Sessions, and is divided into a Literary Course of two Sessions, and a Theological Course of three Sessions.

2. In the Theological Department, the course of study includes the Original Languages of the Scriptures, Biblical Literature, Systematic and Pastoral Theology, Church History, Homiletics, and Exegesis of the Greek Testament, with such other accessory subjects as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.

3. In the Theological Course, the Students are examined at the close of each Session, in all the subjects of the year. The examinations are conducted by Examiners (among whom the Theological Professors are included) chosen by the Board of Directors and by means of printed questions and written answers to the same. Those who pass are arranged according to their proficiency, as 1st Class, 2nd Class, and 3rd Class. If a student fail to pass in any subject, he is required to undergo a Supplemental Examination in the same. The results of these Sessional Examinations are recorded by the Board, and reported to the Corporation at the Annual Meeting.

4. The Session in the Theological Department begins on the second Wednesday in September, and ends on the Second Wednesday in April.

5. The Professors are at liberty to hold, during the Session, such Class Examinations as they may deem necessary, either in the manner aforesaid or orally.

6. In the Literary Course, Students are required to pass such examinations as may be appointed by the Faculty of Arts of the McGill University. The Board of Directors are required to obtain from the said Faculty of Arts a Report of the Examinations of the Students in the several subjects thereof, and also of their attendance and conduct during the Session in the University, and to present the same at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

CHAPTER VII.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. In reference to matters not provided for in the foregoing By-laws, the Directors may act according to their discretion ;—subject always to the approval of the Corporation at any Regular Meeting.

2. Alterations may be made in the By-laws and Regulations, or new ones added, by any Annual Regular Meeting of the Corporation, provided that notice of such alterations or addition has been given at the meeting next preceding.

III. LIST OF ALUMNI.

Name.	Whence.	Date of Leaving.	Where
1. LUDWICK KRIBS	<i>Eramosa</i>	1841	<i>United States.</i>
2. STEPHEN KING	<i>Glanford</i>	1842	
3. LEONARD MCGLAISHAN	<i>Pelham</i>	1842	<i>Died.</i>
4. SAMUEL FINTON	<i>Glanford</i>	1842	<i>Canada Presbyterian Church.</i>
5. JAMES VINCENT	<i>Coventry, England</i>	1842	<i>New Millford, Ill.</i>
6. EDWARD EBBS	<i>Guelph</i>	1843	<i>Plainfield, Ill.</i>
7. WILLIAM LUMSDEN	<i>Peterborough</i>	1843	<i>Church of England.</i>
8. WM. F. CLARKE	<i>London, Ont.</i>	1844	<i>Guelph.</i>
9. THOMAS I. HODGSKIN	<i>Guelph</i>	1845	<i>Episcopal Church.</i>
10. ROBERT ROBINSON	<i>Montreal, 1st Church</i>	1845	<i>Indian Mission.</i>
11. JOHN BOWLES	<i>Montreal, 1st Church</i>	1845	<i>Died.</i>
12. NORMAN MCLEOD	<i>L'Orignal</i>	1844	<i>Salt Lake City.</i>
13. W. H. ALLWORTH	<i>Southwold</i>	1845	<i>Paris, Ont.</i>
14. THOMAS SNELL	<i>New York State</i>	1846	<i>Died.</i>
15. THOMAS SEARIGHT	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1847	
16. THOMAS BAYNE	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1846	<i>New Haven, N. Y.</i>
17. GEORGE G. WICKSON	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1847	
18. WILLIAM HAY	<i>Warwick</i>	1847	<i>Scotland, Ont.</i>
19. HENRY LANCASHIRE	<i>Montreal, 1st Church</i>	1847	<i>Saratoga.</i>
20. K. M. FENWICK	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1847	<i>Kingston.</i>
21. CHARLES MCKAY	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1846	<i>Died.</i>
22. JOHN C. GEIKIE	<i>Moore</i>	1847	<i>London, England.</i>
23. F. H. MARLING	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1848	<i>Toronto, Bond Street.</i>
24. A. WICKSON, LL.D.	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1848	<i>London, England.</i>
25. JOHN WOOD	<i>Montreal, 1st Church</i>	1851	<i>Toronto.</i>
26. JOHN MCKILLICAN	<i>Vankleek Hill</i>	1851	<i>Canada S. S. Union.</i>
27. JOHN FRASER	<i>Stanstead</i>	1851	<i>Montreal, Eastern.</i>
28. ROBERT K. BLACK	<i>St. John, N.B.</i>	1852	<i>Milton, N. S.</i>
29. GEORGE RITCHIE	<i>St. John, N.B.</i>	1852	<i>Boston, Mass.</i>
30. DANIEL MACALLUM	<i>St. Andrew's, Que.</i>	1852	<i>Indian Lands</i>
31. JAMES HAY	<i>Warwick</i>	1852	<i>Derby Centre, Vt.</i>
32. E. A. NOBLE	<i>Hamilton</i>	1852	
33. ENOCH BARKER	<i>Sheffield, N.B.</i>	1853	<i>Fergus.</i>
34. ARCHIBALD BURFEE	<i>Sheffield, N.B.</i>	1854	<i>Died.</i>
35. JOHN CAMPBELL	<i>Indian Lands</i>	1855	
36. JAMES BOYD	<i>Montreal 1st Church</i>	1856	
37. PHILIP SHANKS	<i>Beauharnois</i>	1856	<i>Died.</i>
38. MALCOLM MCKILLOP	<i>Inverness</i>	1858	<i>Died.</i>
39. ROBERT G. BAIRD	<i>Lanark</i>	1857	<i>Armada, Michigan.</i>
40. A. MACDONALD	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1857	
41. ROBERT HAY	<i>Scotland, Ont.</i>	1858	<i>Forest, Ont.</i>
42. GEORGE A. RAWSON	<i>Lanark</i>	1859	<i>New York State,</i>
43. JOSEPH V. BRYNING	<i>Scotland, Ont.</i>	1860	<i>Kansas.</i>
44. JOHN R. KEAN	<i>Inverness, Que.</i>	1860	<i>N. S.</i>
45. ROBERT BURCHILL	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1861	<i>Maitland.</i>
46. ROBERT BROWN	<i>Caledon</i>	1861	<i>Middleville, Ont.</i>
47. JOHN BROWN	<i>Caledon</i>	1861	<i>Lanark Village, Ont.</i>
48. BENJAMIN W. DAY	<i>Brantford</i>	1861	<i>Stouffville.</i>
49. GEORGE STRASSENBURGH	<i>Kingston</i>	1861	<i>Madrid, N. Y.</i>
50. JOHN G. SANDERSON	<i>Kingston</i>	1862	<i>Ottawa.</i>
51. J. MALCOLM SMITH	<i>Scotland, Ont.</i>	1862	<i>Carson City, Mich.</i>
52. CHARLES DUFF	<i>Toronto, Bond Street</i>	1862	<i>Brooklyn, N. E.</i>
53. ALEX. MCGREGOR	<i>Manilla</i>	1862	<i>Yarmouth, N. S.</i>
54. RICHARD LEWIS	<i>Sarnia</i>	1863	<i>Hubbardsston, Mich.</i>
55. JAMES DOUGLASS	<i>Toronto, Bond Street</i>	1863	<i>Canada Presbyterian Church.</i>
56. J. A. R. DICKSON	<i>Brantford</i>	1865	<i>Toronto, Northern.</i>
57. RICHARD T. THOMAS	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1865	<i>London, England.</i>
58. SAMUEL N. JACKSON	<i>Brome</i>	1865	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>
59. ELISHA STILES LYMAN, B.C.L.	<i>Montreal</i>	1866	
60. JOHN I. HINDLEY, M.A.	<i>Eramosa</i>	1869	<i>Owen Sound.</i>
61. WILLIAM M. PEACOCK	<i>Lanark</i>	1869	<i>Kingston.</i>
62. DUNCAN MCGREGOR, B.A.	<i>Manilla</i>	1872	<i>Liverpool, N. S.</i>
63. ROBT. W. WALLACE, B.A.	<i>Markham</i>	1872	<i>London, Ont.</i>
64. W. H. A. CLARIS	<i>Rome, Ont.</i>	1872	<i>Sarnia, Ont.</i>
65. DANIEL D. NIGHSWANDER	<i>Stouffville</i>	1872	<i>Granby, Que.</i>
66. JOHN ALLWORTH, B.A.	<i>Paris</i>	1873	<i>Boonmanville, Ont.</i>
67. JOSEPH GRIFFITH	<i>Jamesville, N. Y.</i>	1873	<i>Cobourg.</i>
68. EDWIN D. SILCOX	<i>Southwold</i>	1873	<i>Oro.</i>
69. WILLIAM MCINTOSH	<i>Rugby</i>	1874	<i>Windsor Mills, Que.</i>

IV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1874.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA was held in the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, on Friday, June 12th, 1874.

(1) On motion, George Hague, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. Jno. Salmon, B.A., Secretary of the Meeting. The Rev. R. K. Black offered prayer.

(2) Moved by the Rev. Dr. Cornish ; seconded by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick ; and resolved :—

That § 1, chap. II. of the By-laws and Regulations be altered by substituting the words *fifteen* and *twenty* for the words *ten* and *fifteen*, respectively.

(3) The Secretary of the College read the Report of the Board of Directors, and the Report of the Finances for the past year.

(4) Moved by the Secretary ; seconded by Rev. Wm. Clarke ; and resolved :—

That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed for circulation ; and that the following gentlemen be the Board of Directors for the ensuing year :—

Chairman—Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A. *Treasurer*—Mr. R. C. Jamieson. *Secretary*—Rev. George Cornish, LL.D. *Directors*—Revs. Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D., K. M. Fenwick, A. Duff, John Fraser, R. K. Black, F. H. Marling, J. F. Stevenson, LL.B. ;—Messrs. C. Alexander, Henry Lyman, James Baylis, P. W. Wood, H. Vennor, C. R. Black, Theo. Lyman, James Woodrow, Robt. Bennett, Jas. Linton, W. P. Carter, Hon. Judge Sanborn, and J. S. McLachlan. And that Messrs. J. B. Learmont and Robert Mills be requested to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

(5) Moved by Rev. Hy. Sanders ; seconded by Rev. Jno. Salmon ; and resolved :—

That this meeting rejoices in the growing efficiency and success of the College in the important work of educating its alumni for the ministry in the Churches of our Denomination throughout the Dominion, and desires to commend it to their prayerful sympathy and liberal support, that its efficiency may be still further promoted.

(6) Moved by the Rev. Chas. Duff ; seconded by the Rev. John Wood ; and resolved :—

That the cordial thanks of this Corporation be given to the Colonial Missionary Society for its continued generous aid to the College ; to the liberal donors and subscribers to the Endowment Fund ; and to those gentlemen who by their wise liberality have enabled the College to offer prizes for competition to the Students.

(7) Moved by Rev. John Fraser ; seconded by Rev. Jas. Byrne ; and resolved :—

That humbly recognizing the solemn truth that without the blessing and guidance of the great Head of the Church, no human plans and efforts can be crowned with success, this meeting recommends the observance of the second Sunday in October as a day for special prayer by the Churches on behalf of the College.

(8) Moved by the Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D. ; seconded by Dr. Cornish ; and resolved :—

That the Board of Directors be requested to consider the propriety of augmenting the number of Lecturers.

(9) The Rev. K. M. Fenwick gave notice of the following motion for next Annual Meeting :—

That the By-laws be so altered as to admit of the holding of an Annual Meeting of the Board at the same place and time as the Meeting of the Union, and that the sessional business of the College be placed under the care of an Executive Committee.

(10) On motion of Dr. Cornish, and after prayer, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN SALMON, B.A.,

Minute-Secretary.

Toronto, July 12th, 1874.

V. REPORT FOR SESSION 1873-74.

The following is the Report of the proceedings and general condition of the College during the past Session, which the Board of Directors beg to submit to the Corporation :—

The session was opened on the evening of Wednesday, September the 17th, with the usual public service in Zion Church. The Rev. H. D. Powis, of Quebec, had been invited, and was present, prepared to deliver the opening address. What will cause this opening service to be held in grateful and pleasant remembrance, was the presence of the Revs. Dr. Stoughton, J. C. Harrison, and A. McMillan, of London, and of the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, of Reading, who were on their way to attend the meetings of the Evangelical Alliance at New York. There were also present Charles Reed, Esq., M.P., and John Carvell Williams, Esq., Secretary of the Liberation of Religion Society. All these gentlemen cheerfully acceded to the invitation sent them to be present and take part in the proceedings; and, as might have been expected, the addresses they delivered were of varied character, but all in a high degree stimulating and refreshing. The audience was large and greatly interested.

Mr. Powis, on finding that so many honoured brethren from the mother-country were on hand, proposed that his part of the programme should be cancelled, to which proposal your Board acceded, only on the condition that his address should be held over for delivery at the close of the session, should Mr. Powis see fit then to deliver it.

The work of the session was at once entered upon, and was continued, without material interruption, to the period for closing. This, at the request of the Principal, who was on the point of departure for England, was fixed for Wednesday, April the 1st, when the usual closing service was held in Zion Church, at which the Rev. John Fraser, in the absence of Mr. Powis, who was not able to be present, delivered an excellent address on *The importance of an educated ministry*, and Mr. McIntosh, the only student completing his course, delivered an interesting valedictory address. The Chairman of the Board, and the Principal, also delivered addresses touching the general work of the session, the Endowment Fund, and the prizes now offered for competition.

It gives your Board much gratification to be able to report, that the session now closed stands prominently forth among the most successful of past sessions in respect of the quality, extent, and variety of the work done, and also of the character and success of the students. The Principal and Dr. Cornish have conducted their classes without interruption, and the Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick have continued their valuable courses of lectures, of all which reports are hereafter given.

Applications for admission were received from five candidates, all from churches in Ontario ;—three to the Full Course, and two to the Theological Course. One of the latter found that he was prevented by circumstances from coming, and so his application stands over. The other four, after a

satisfactory probation, were admitted to the full status of students of the College. Thus the Sessional Roll stood as follows :—

- (1) William McIntosh, Theological Course, 3rd year.
- (2) James R. Black, Full Course, 4th year.
- (3) John Findlay Malcolm, Full Course, 3rd year.
- (4) Jacob W. Cox, Full Course, 2nd year.
- (5) John B. Silcox, Theological Course, 2nd year.
- (6) Hugh Pedley, Full Course, 2nd year.
- (7) William H. Warriner, Full Course, 1st year.
- (8) Archibald F. McGregor, Full Course, 1st year.
- (9) Andrew O. Cossar, Theological Course, 1st year.

Mr. McIntosh alone of these has left on the completion of his course : with his certificate, he bears with him the respect and best wishes of your Board for his future usefulness and success. Mr. Black has successfully passed the Examination, and has been admitted to the degree of B.A. in the University.

Messrs. Pedley and Cox have passed the Intermediate Examination ; the former with much credit, for which he deserves honourable mention here. Mr. Warriner also deserves credit for his persevering diligence and success. In the case of Messrs. Malcolm and McGregor the work of the session was seriously interfered with by severe illness, and the same cause compelled Mr. Silcox to ask for permission to retire for the latter part of the session, which was granted to him.

Your Board cordially recommend that Messrs. Fenwick and Chapman be invited to continue their Courses of Lectures next session.

The following are the reports of the studies and examinations in the several classes.

(1) Dr. Wilkes reports :—

I have to report concerning this thirty-fifth Session, the entrance upon its work of nine students, of whom five were of the Theological Department. Ill health has affected two of these ; one of whom preferred to lose his year and to make next year his second. The other returned after a needfully somewhat long absence, and has passed the Sessional Examinations. The uniform diligence, propriety of conduct, and manifest interest in their studies of all the students may be again mentioned with emphasis. In order to relieve Messrs. Pedley and Cox of a part of their course next Session, when, as Undergraduates of McGill College, the pressure on them will be great, I formed them into a class and gave them forty-one lectures on Systematic Theology—being on the subjects for next Session—in which they have passed highly creditable examinations, both Christmas and Sessional. The regular class has received an equal number of lectures on the subjects in Theology, belonging to the year, of which the Atonement was the most prominent. I have delivered also eleven lectures on Hermeneutics, relating to the New Testament. On Church History, twenty-six lectures have been given. On Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, thirteen lectures, and seventeen on New Testament Introduction, the latter relating to the Synoptical Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. There have been regular class-exercises in plans of sermons, and their delivery. Our weekly devotional hour together has not been neglected. Our thanks are due to Rev. John Fraser, who gave his able assistance in conducting most of the Sessional Examinations. I subjoin the returns.

HENRY WILKES, D. D.,

Principal and Professor of Theology, &c., &c.

Con. Col., B. N. A., April 1st, 1874.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

Systematic Theology, (Maximum 100).

Class I. Black (78), McIntosh (73).

Class II. Cossar (65).

Third year, (Maximum 120).

Class I. Pedley (101).

Class II. Cox (57).

Church History, (Maximum 100).

Class I. McIntosh (75).

Class II. Black (67), Cossar (56).

Homiletics, (Maximum 100).

Class I. Black (87), Cossar (82), McIntosh (80).

SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Science and Theology, (Maximum 120).

Class I. McIntosh (86), Black (82), Cossar (80).

Pastoral Theology, (Maximum 100).

Class I. McIntosh and Malcolm, equal (84), Cossar (79), Black (76).

Hermeneutics of New Testament, (Maximum 100).

Class I. McIntosh (86), Black (81), Cossar (79).

Class II. Malcolm (59).

New Testament Introduction, (Maximum 100).

Class I. Black (85), McIntosh (81), Cossar (79).

Class II. Malcolm (64).

Class I. McIntosh (86), Cossar (80), Black (68).

Systematic Theology, (Maximum 100).

Class II. None.

Class III. Malcolm (44).

Third Year.

Class I. Pedley (92), Cox (78).

(2) Dr. Cornish reports :—

We have read in class during the Session, Chapters IX. to XI., inclusive, of the Gospel by St. Mark, and the Epistle to the Philippians. The students have been regular in their attendance, and their conduct has been to my satisfaction.

At the close of the Session, an Examination was held in the above-named subjects, with the following results:—

Greek Testament.

Class I. Black.

Class II. McIntosh, Malcolm.

Class III. None.

GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.,
Prof. of Gk. Test. Exeg.

April, 1874.

(3) Mr. Chapman reports :—

During the past session, I have taken the students through a considerable course on the questions involved in the modern controversies between the supposed antagonism of Science and Theology. Last year, I directed their attention

exclusively to those theories concerning Universal Law and Evolution, which are thought to form the stronghold of the opponents of a Supernatural Record like that of the Bible; and I sought to estimate their value as scientific solutions of the facts in question. The ground being thus cleared, I have led them, this year, through a constructive argument by which it may be seen that, so far as our forms of thought permit and our actual knowledge extends, the supernatural revelation given us in the Bible must be accepted, in substance and in form, as being based on the essential nature of things, and therefore in scientific harmony with all well-established facts. It appeared to me important to make clear to our students, in these days, that the reconciliation of Science and Theology is to be found alone in the line running up with unbroken link from the simplest admitted *data* of consciousness to the Immateriality of Mind, the existence of a Free Eternal Mind as First Cause, and the successive creation of distinct species culminatiug in the creation of Man. From the necessary relations of the Intelligent Creator to a race of beings endowed with a consciousness of responsibility deeper than pertains to human law, I sought to show that under the circumstances of the human race there was such an *a priori* probability of a Revelation as to lend immense weight to the evidences we have as to the Divine origin of the Scriptures; and, also, I showed how the necessities of true scientific thought compelled us to regard the sensible, and often, to us crude, forms of early revelations as both reasonable and inevitable.

It gives me pleasure to bear my testimony to the zeal and care with which the students gave themselves to the study of some of the difficult subjects involved in this course of lectures. In consequence of sickness only three have passed the examination. Their order of merit, is as follows :—

(*Maximum 120*).

Class I.—Macintosh (86), Black (82), Cossar (80).

Also, I have delivered a course of lectures on the Gospel by John, with special reference to the sharp and important controversies that have arisen concerning its origin and supposed divergencies from the tone and teaching of the other Gospels. The examination on this subject is included in that of New Testament Introduction, of which the results are to be found in Dr. Wilkes' statement. I may add that the results so far as they relate to my section, are highly creditable to the students.

April, 1874.

CHARLES CHAPMAN, M. A.,
Lecturer on Evidences and Biblical Literature.

(4) Mr. Fenwick reports :—

My lectures this session (sixteen in number), have been expository of the Ante-Nicene Theology. A complete formulation of the dogma of the entire period has been furnished, so that the foundation has been laid for a development of Christian dogma during that age, on solid data, and intelligent principles.

The earnestness and application of the students, their devoutness, and the evident desire to be well-qualified for the work of the ministry, augur hopefully their future usefulness.

My course was divided into two parts, and delivered at separate periods. There were thus two examinations, both of them creditable to the students.

The following is the result :—

1st Examination,—(*Maximum 100*).

Class I.—J. B. Silcox (89), W. McIntosh (79), J. R. Black (75).

Class II.—A. Cossar (67).

2nd Examination,—(*Maximum 100*).

Class I.—A. Cossar (91), W. McIntosh (90), J. R. Black (90).

Class II.—J. F. Malcolm (74).

KENNETH M. FENWICK,
Lecturer on Historical Theology.

Kingston, 23rd March. 1874.

The students gave attention during part of the session to Elocution, under the guidance of a professional teacher.

All the students, either in the capacity of Undergraduates or in that of Partial Students, have attended the classes of the Faculty of Arts of the University, and the returns of their standing therein have been duly furnished to your Board.

In the last Annual Report, it was stated that the sums of \$50 and \$20 had been severally received as donations for prizes, for competition by the students.

Your Board have much pleasure in now reporting, that the good example thus set, has been followed by other donors, and that five prizes in value, from \$50 down to \$20, have been given for competition by George Hague, Esq., of Toronto, and by R. W. Cowan, Esq., and Thomas Robertson, Esq., of Montreal. The subjects for examination and the conditions of the competition will be found in Appendix to this Report.

Your Board recommend the following arrangement for the examination of competitors for the several prizes now reported, viz. :—(1) That the essays must be sent in to the Secretary of the College, on or before October 1st, and that the written and oral examinations begin on that day. (2) That the following gentlemen be requested to act as co-examiners :—(1) Dr. Wilkes and Mr. Fenwick; (2) Mr. Chapman and Mr. Marling; (3) Dr. Cornish and Mr. Chapman.

The funds of the College continue to be in a healthy state. The disbursements have amounted to \$2,997 90; and the receipts, including \$196 95, the balance in hand from last year, to \$3,429 15; thus leaving a balance in hands of the Treasurer of \$431 25. Of this sum, \$1,076 45 have been received from the Colonial Missionary Society, and \$2,065 75 from Churches in various parts of the Dominion. Your Board requested Messrs. Cornish, Chapman and Fenwick to accept \$150 each, as an honorarium for services rendered to the College.

The important matter of the General Endowment Fund, which had such an auspicious beginning at the last Annual Meeting, has not been lost sight of by your Board. According to the latest published statement of the Treasurer of the Fund, and which your Board recommend should be published in Appendix to this Report, the amount subscribed, exclusive of what may be expected from the Colonial Missionary Society, is \$17,688 88. The sum of \$2,000 in the hands of the Treasurer has been invested by him, acting under instructions of your Board, in Montreal Corporation Bonds, bearing interest of six per cent. Soon after the last Annual Meeting, your Board opened a correspondence with the Colonial Missionary Society in relation to this Fund, seeking the sympathy and co-operation of the Society in raising it. The proposal was made to the Society, that it should engage to contribute to the Fund, on condition of the sum of \$40,000 in all being raised, £1,500 sterling, by the date of September, 1878; and that the College should, in return for the same, on the due completion of the Fund, cease to draw on the Funds of the Society, in aid of the operations of the College; it being understood that in the meantime, the existing pecuniary arrangements between the Society and the College should continue. In answer to this, no action of a definite character on the part of the Society has, as yet, been reported to your Board, but they have been informed by the Secretary of the Colonial Missionary So-

ciety, that their letter had been duly submitted to the Committee, and that the latter "were deeply interested in the plans and approved the principle," and hopes were held out that assistance would be rendered.

Your Board on learning that it was the intention of the honoured Principal, Dr. Wilkes, to spend his next vacation in the mother-country, respectfully requested him that he would, in so far as it might be compatible with his plans and engagements so to do, use a portion of the time in endeavouring to obtain contributions to the Fund, and they authorized him to adopt such plans as he might deem most suitable for accomplishing the desired object. In reply, Dr. Wilkes informed your Board, that he cordially acceded to their request, and that he would do what he could in aid of the Fund during his visit to England. It is to be hoped the encouraging aspect of this important undertaking will stimulate those who have not yet given it their countenance and aid promptly to do so.

The thanks of the College are due to a lady, a member of Zion Church, Montreal, and also to the Rev. Charles Chapman, for valuable donations to the Library of modern books in Theology and Philosophy, of which lists will be given in Appendix. The best thanks of the College are also due to Messrs. Hague, Cowan and Robertson, not only for the valuable prizes offered by them, but also for the stimulating influence of their intelligent and liberal example, in thus supplying a need that had long been felt in the educational work of the College.

On a review of the work and success of this the thirty-fifth Session in the history of this Institution, your Board are happy in thinking that there are many grounds for thankfulness for the goodness vouchsafed by God in the past, and for anticipating enlarged prosperity and usefulness in the future.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

GEORGE CORNISH, L.L.D.,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, June 2nd, 1874.

VII. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1874.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

<i>Alton.</i>		<i>Kingston.</i>	
Rev. M. S. Gray	\$2 00	Cash on acct. of 1872-3.....	\$30 00
Rev. H. Denny	1 00	Mr. McKay	1 00
Mrs. Denny	1 00		
D. McGill.....	1 00		\$31 00
	\$5 00	<i>Listowel.</i>	
<i>Burford.</i>		Anonymous.....	\$2 00
Collection, &c	\$13 50	<i>London.</i>	
<i>Embryo.</i>		Collection, &c	\$39 86
Collection.....	\$17 50	<i>Manilla.</i>	
<i>Fergus.</i>		Rev. D. McGregor	\$2 00
G. S. Armstrong.....	\$1 00	Jno. D. McLean	1 00
J. Ironside	1 00	Alex. McInnes	1 00
Rev. E. Barker	2 00	Alex. McIntyre	1 00
Collection, &c	4 85	Hugh McInnes	1 00
	\$8 85	Hugh Carmichael	1 00
<i>Garafraxa.</i>		Hugh McKay	1 00
Collection.....	\$1 40	Jno. D. McKinnen.....	1 00
Sums under \$1.....	1 75	Allen McFadyen.....	1 00
	\$3 15	Martin McFadyen	1 00
<i>Guelph.</i>		Malcolm McLean	1 00
S. Hodgskin.....	\$5 00	Mrs. McCallum	1 00
A. Worsley	4 00	Sums under \$1	1 25
Rev. W. Manchee	3 00		\$14 25
Anonymous	3 00	<i>Ottawa.</i>	
E. H. Arms	2 00	Rev. J. G. Sanderson.....	\$2 00
Jas. Pilcher	2 00	James Jarvis	2 00
Mrs. Pilcher.....	2 00	R. J. Rodden	2 00
John Mickle.....	2 00	William Kerr	2 00
R. Baker	2 00	John Hill	2 00
Jas. Goldie	2 00	Mr. Radford	2 00
E. Newton	1 00	Mrs. John Lamb.....	1 00
Mrs. Tatham	1 00	W. A. Lamb	1 00
Mrs. Law	1 00	Thos. Gallagher	1 00
R. Thompson	1 00	Miss E. F. Rodden.....	1 00
Mrs. Budd and family	1 35	James Ogilvy	1 00
D. Molton.....	1 00	A. J. Stevens	1 00
Miss Mickle.....	1 00	W. Young	1 00
E. Pasmore	1 00	J. Ruthven	1 00
John Crowe.....	1 00	Mr. Mumford	1 00
A. M. Jackson	1 00	Mrs. P. Stiff.....	1 00
Sums under \$1	5 94	Mr. Pritchard	1 00
	\$43 29	Mr. Ackroyd	1 00
<i>Keswick.</i>		Sums under \$1.....	1 00
Thomas Smith.....	\$5 00		21 \$500
		<i>Paris.</i>	
		C. Whitlaw	\$50 00

H. E. Caston	\$5 00	R. C. Jamieson	\$50 00
Geo. Massey	4 00	D. McPhie	50 00
Wm. St. Croix	4 00	Young Men's Association	35 50
Thos. Ironfield	3 00	Henry Lyman	30 00
Miss E. Gray	2 00	J. McLachlan	30 00
Thos. Heys	2 00	Chas. Alexander	25 00
J. Thomson	2 00	Rev. Dr. Cornish	25 00
Mrs. Freeland	2 00	Jas. Linton	25 00
Miss McCord	2 00	W. C. Smillie	25 00
M. S. Caston	2 00	Robert Dunn	25 00
E. H. Caston	2 00	Jas. Baylis	20 00
T. J. Wilkie	2 00	Wm. Moodie	20 00
W. Anderson	2 00	Rev. Dr. Wilkes	20 00
Mrs. Defries	1 00	Alfred Perry	20 00
Mrs. Cradock	1 00	Theodore Lyman	20 00
Wm. Cross	1 00	Thomas Robertson	20 00
Mrs. McIntosh	1 00	Mrs. Learmont	16 00
" Wallace	1 00	Wm. Macdougall	15 00
A. Neill	1 00	Wm. McDunnough	15 00
H. P. Hammerton	1 00	R. W. Cowan	15 00
James Farrell	1 00	Joseph Jackson	15 00
Mrs. A. T. McCord	1 00	F. Scholes	12 00
" McGregor	1 00	Henry Walker	10 00
" C. Moor	1 00	Cash	10 00
Mis Crawford	1 00	Andrew Roberston	10 00
" M. Gemmel	1 00	P. H. Burton	10 00
Mrs. Druillard	1 00	Wm. McLaren	10 00
Miss Maxwell	1 00	Robert Mills	10 00
" Huggett	1 00	G. W. Moss	10 00
" Verrall	1 00	Wm. Niviu	10 00
Mrs. Rains	1 00	G. Cheney	10 00
Ed. Dack, Junr	1 00	J. R. Dougall	10 00
J. Fraser	1 00	Rev. C. Chapman	10 00
Sums under \$1	2 50	A. McKeand	10 00
		Benj. Lyman	10 00
	\$158 50	Henry Alexander	10 00
(For Session 1873-74)	150 00	Alfred Savage	10 00
		Albert B. Savage	10 00
	308 50	J. B. Learmont	7 50
		J. D. Dougall	5 00
A Friend, per W. H. Warriner	\$10 00	Henry Vennor	5 00
		Lemuel Cushing	5 00
Total, Ontario	\$854 00	James Williamson	5 00
		John Popham	5 00
		N. W. Trenholm	5 00
		C. M. Alexander	5 00
		John McIntosh	5 00
		J. C. Barton	5 00
		A. Spaulding	5 00
		H. Chandler	5 00
		William Reid	5 00
		F. E. Gilman	5 00
		Dr. Wanless	5 00
		Mrs. Lay	5 00
		H. Birks	5 00
		W. G. Beers	5 00
		J. M. M. Duff	5 00
		H. Sanders	5 00
		Hugh Cochrane	5 00
		William Ireland	5 00
		C. R. Black	5 00
		Frederick Birks	5 00
		William Lavers	5 00
	\$14 30		
<i>Montreal, Zion Church.</i>			
W. R. Ross	50 00		

J. W. Taylor	\$4 00	G. R. Paton	\$1 00
Ditto (1872-3)	4 00	Mrs. L. Farewell	1 00
S. J. Lyman	4 00	F. Blodgett	1 00
Thomas Shapley	2 00	Mr. Mallory & Family	1 00
C. E. F. Woodley	2 00	Mrs. Hawes	1 00
		R. Mitchell, Junr	1 00
	\$882 00	J. Loring	1 00
<i>Montreal, Eastern Church.</i>		Charles Bryant	1 00
Collection, &c.,	\$13 45	Mrs. Oughtred	1 00
<i>Montreal, Shaftesbury Hall.</i>		James Mitchell	1 00
C. H. Brooks	\$10 00	S. B. Jencks	1 00
Thomas Parker	10 00	J. McNicol	1 00
"Inverness"	1 00	Miss Farnham	1 00
Collection	7 00	Mrs. R. Smith	1 00
		Miss Kate H. Duff	1 00
		Sums under \$1	13 49
	\$28 00		\$115 00
<i>Quebec.</i>		<i>Waterville.</i>	
Rev. H. D. Powis	\$10 00	Rev. George Purkis	\$2 00
Congl. Ladies' Society	10 00	John McIntosh	1 00
	\$20 00	Collection	2 00
			\$5 00
<i>Sherbrooke & Lennoxville.</i>		W. C., per Dr. Wilkes	\$5 00
Scott & Sons	\$8 00	Total Quebec	\$1089 75
A. Paton	5 00		
Hon. Judge Sanborn	5 00		
" J. G. Robertson	5 00		
Mr. G. S. Morey	5 00		
Rev. A. Duff	5 00		
T. J. Tuck	5 00		
Charles Brooks	4 00		
Edward H. Duff	3 00		
C. H. Fletcher	3 00		
E. Hargrave	3 00		
S. J. Foss	2 00		
M. McKechnie	2 00		
H. Hubbard	2 00		
E. G. Brooks	2 00		
Misses Ball	2 00		
G. B. Loomis	2 00		
S. B. Sanborn	2 00		
Miss Dickinson	2 00		
Joshua Foss	1 00		
John Goff	1 00		
Samuel Tuck	1 00		
M. Read	1 00		
W. Addie & Family	1 35		
P. McLellan	1 00		
S. & S. Leborreau	1 00		
R. Davidson	1 10		
J. C. Eaton	1 00		
Mr. Kilgour	1 00		
Mrs. Brooks	1 00		
E. W. Abbott	1 00		
Miss Smillie	1 00		
Mrs. Dean	1 31		
A. Stevens	1 00		
Mrs. Gendron	1 00		
Bradford & Moorehouse	1 25		
William Glasgow	1 50		
			\$14 00
		<i>Yarmouth.</i>	
		Freeman Denuis	\$50 00
		Robert Ellinwood	10 00
		Dennis Horton	5 00
		Jonathan Horton	5 00
		James E. Clements	5 00
		N. K. Clements	5 00
		Rev. A. McGregor	5 00
		E. S. Williams	4 00
		James D. Horton	4 00
		James M. Davis	4 00
		E. F. Clements	1 00
		C. W. Clements	1 00
		Jacob Sylver	1 00
			\$100 00
		Total Nova Scotia	\$122 00
		Grand Total	\$2065 75

VIII. APPENDIX A.

ENDOWMENT FUND OF \$40,000.

The following sums have been subscribed, and in some instances have been partly or wholly paid :—

The residue of an old fund and interest	\$230 00
Legacy of the late Thomas Fletcher, Beverley, Ont.,	1500 00
A sum obtained by Dr. Wilkes in England, to aid in educating a young man for the Ministry, now returned.....	243 88
Rev. Wm. Clarke, a Jubilee offering, 50 years in the Ministry.....	100 00
A young lady, Lanark, Ont.	2 00
The Alumni of the College, to be paid during five years from June, 1873	4000 00
Rev. Charles Chapman, a gift to this fund	100 00
W. C. Smillie, Montreal, when \$15,600 are subscribed and paid	5000 00
"A brother, advanced in years, who regrets not having enjoyed a full college course"	50 00
George Chaffey, Junr., Kingston	25 00
George Robertson, Esq., Kingston	500 00
W. P. Carter, Cowansville, in five instalments	500 00
Norman Hamilton, Paris, in five annual instalments	500 00
George Hague, Toronto, (probably an equal sum for four following years)	200 00
H. G. Grist, Hamilton, in five annual instalments.....	200 00
The Brantford Church Choir	25 00
Henry Wilkes, Montreal, in five annual instalments	200 00
H. O'Hara, Bowmanville " " "	200 00
Martin Watson, Bowmanville " " "	200 00
G. H. Wilkes, Brantford " " "	200 00
W. G. Perry, Bowmanville " " "	100 00
Interest to 31st December on Savings Bank Account	43 00
J. S. McLachlan, Montreal, in five instalments.....	500 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Lyman " "	500 00
R. C. Jamieson, " "	400 00
R. W. Cowan, " "	250 00
Bond Street Church, Toronto, Benevolent Fund	100 00
Thomas Robertson, Montreal, in five instalments	500 00
James Linton, " "	250 00
Wm. Moodie, " during the year 1874	50 00
George W. Moss, " (paid).....	100 00
George S. Fenwick, Kingston, in five instalments.....	500 00
Robertson Brothers, " four "	100 00
Hon. Mr. Justice Sanborn, Sherbrooke (paid).....	100 00
Hon. J. G. Robertson " (paid).....	20 00
A. Patton, " in five instalments	50 00
E. Hargrove, " " "	50 00
William Reid, Montreal, (paid)	100 00
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IX. APPENDIX B.

LIST OF PRIZES, WITH STATEMENT OF SUBJECTS AND CONDITIONS OF EXAMINATION FOR THE SAME, OFFERED FOR COMPETITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION 1874-75.

I.—A Prize of Fifty Dollars, given by George Hague, Esq., of Toronto, for an Examination in *Greek Testament Exegesis*.

- (1) The subject for examination will be the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.
- (2) Candidates will be required to undergo a written examination, comprising the translation and exegesis of selected passages, and textual criticism.
- (3) They will also be required to give an oral exposition, of thirty minutes' length, of

such portion of the Epistle as the Examiners may select, and which shall contain not fewer than eight nor more than twelve verses. The portion so selected shall be made known to competitors two days previous to the exposition.

(4) Candidates must give satisfactory evidence of :—(a) a careful study of the original text, so as to be able in translation to express the sense of the writer. (b) An acquaintance with the religious and political history of the period when the epistle was written, and, also, with the condition of the community to whom it was addressed. (c) An aptness to use, in illustration of the teaching of the Epistle, events, either contemporaneous or derived from Church or Modern History, and also to educe lessons applicable to men's circumstances in modern times.

II.—A Prize of Twenty-five Dollars, given by the same donor, to the candidate who shall stand next to the successful competitor in the above-mentioned examination.

III.—A Prize of Twenty-five Dollars, offered by R. W. Cowan, Esq., for the best Essay (to be followed, if deemed proper, by an oral examination) on *The Fact, Source, Nature and Cure of HUMAN DEPRAVITY*.

The essayist must exhibit knowledge of what has been advanced on these points, erroneously or otherwise, and also ability to refute the former and sustain the latter.

IV.—A Prize of Twenty-Five Dollars, by R. W. Cowan, Esq., for the best Essay on *The Supposed Antagonism of Science and Theology*.

The treatment of the theme must embrace, among other things, at least some of the following points :—

- (1) An accurate statement of the points of the supposed antagonism.
- (2) An estimate of the strength of the scientific position.
- (3) A statement of the conditions of a scientific basis for Theology.
- (4) The process by which the harmony of Science and Theology is to be attained.
- (5) The bearing of modern scientific views on the interpretation of Scripture, regarded with reference to its antique form and its general design.

N.B.—Essayists are by no means confined to the above order.

V.—A Prize of Twenty Dollars, given by Thomas Robertson, Esq., for *The Best Account of Chrysostom, the three Cappadocians and Augustine*.

The essayist to indicate their several characteristics as men, and the influence of their work, particularly that of Augustine, on the then future history of the Church.

N. B.—In the event of none of the competitors reaching a fair standard, the Examiners may either decline to adjudge the prizes, or suggest a modification of them.

X. APPENDIX C.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY, SESSION 1873-74.

The Corporation acknowledge with thanks the following donations of valuable books to the College Library :—

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| <p>(1) By a lady, a member of Zion Church, Montreal :—
 Cremer's Lexicon.
 Leifchild's Higher Ministry of Nature.
 Pressensé's Life of Jesus Christ.
 " Early Years of the Church.
 " Apologists and Martyrs.
 Trench On the Miracles.
 " On the Parables.
 " Studies in New Testament.
 " Hulsean Lectures, 2 Vols.
 Smeaton On the Atonement.
 Mozley, Bampton Lecture, on Miracles.
 Keil, Commentary on Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, and Daniel, 4 Vols.
 Keil & Delitzsch, Commentary on the Minor Prophets.</p> | <p>Hunt, History of Religious Thought in England.
 Heard, Tripartite Nature of Man.
 Dollinger, Fables of the Papacy.
 Newman, On Miracles.
 (22 volumes.)
 (2) By the Rev. Charles Chapman, M. A. :—
 Bishop Ellicott's Works, 6 vols.
 Schmid, Theology of the New Testament.
 Winer, Confessions of Christendom.
 Stanley Leathes, St. John.
 Harrison, Whose are the Fathers ?
 Herbert Spencer, Biology, 2 vols.
 Porter, Science Versus Man.
 (13 volumes.)</p> |
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THE SEVENTEENTH
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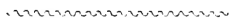
Congregational Provident Fund Society,

(Late the Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society,)

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING IN TORONTO, JUNE 12TH, 1874.

WITH THE BY-LAWS AS AMENDED IN 1874.



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1874.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY,

AS AMENDED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1874.

GENERAL BY-LAWS.

I.—MEMBERSHIP.

The Members of the Society shall be :

1. *As Beneficiary Members.*—Ministers duly received by the Society, through either of the branches hereinafter mentioned, and retaining their Membership in connection with either fund in accordance with its By-Laws.

2. *As Life Members.*—Any persons not being Beneficiary Members, who shall have paid to the fund Twenty dollars at one time.

3. *As Annual Members.*—Churches collecting for the fund, to be represented at the Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting held in the year following the payment of their collection, by one delegate, who shall not be a Beneficiary Member.

II.—ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Congregational Minister in British North America who is in good standing in the Denomination, and the Pastor of a Congregational Church, or a Missionary, or a Professor in the Congregational College of British North America, may be admitted as a Beneficiary Member of either branch of the Fund by a majority of four-fifths of the Members present and voting by ballot at the next annual meeting of the Society, or by a majority of four-fifths of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board ; subject, however, to confirmation, on the same majority, by the Society, at its next Annual Meeting.

III.—TERMINATION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any Beneficiary Member not an annuitant, ceasing to reside in British North America, shall thereby lose beneficiary claim on either Fund, but the amount of his annual subscription to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be placed to the credit of his family, under the condition of Article No. 13, then to accumulate with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until his death, when it shall be paid to such person or persons as may be lawfully entitled to receive it. Beneficiary Members of the Retiring Fund, ceasing to reside in British North America, shall cease to have beneficiary claim, but may in special cases receive relief from the Fund to the amount of their subscriptions to the Fund.

2. Any Beneficiary Member leaving the Ministry (except in case of infirmity or old age) or the Denomination, or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim upon the Fund, but shall be entitled to receive back the amount he has paid into it without interest.

IV.—READMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Member returning to British North America (if permitted to resume his connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund) shall pay all arrears, and an additional annual rate of 20 cents per annum for each year of his absence, and the amount accumulated to the credit of his family shall relapse to the Fund.

2. Any Member resuming his connection with the Pastors' Retiring Fund, shall do so on conditions to be arranged by the Directors.

3. Any Beneficiary Member a Widower, remarrying, shall be required to inform the Directors of his wife's age, and if in their opinion the risk to the Fund is thereby increased, shall be liable to pay such an increase of his annual subscription as will cover the proportional increase of his risk.

V.—MEETINGS.

1. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada, at which a report from the Directors, and the Treasurer's accounts shall be presented, Directors elected for the ensuing year, new Members admitted, and any other general business of the Society transacted.

2. Special meetings of the Society may be held at its pleasure, expressed at any meeting thereof, or at the call of the Directors.

3. Beneficiary Members in connection with either branch of the Fund, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Society.

4. In case of a Division, a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to constitute a Vote.

VI.—MANAGEMENT.

1. The Fund of the Society shall be held and managed by a Board of ten Directors (five to form a quorum), residing in or near the City of Montreal, to be elected annually by the Society.

2. The Directors, when elected, shall, from their own number, choose a Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and may make such standing rules for their own guidance (not being inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation, and its amendments or By-Laws) as they may deem needful, subject to the approval of the Society at the next annual meeting.

3. They shall also have power to fill vacancies in their own number, shall be eligible for re-election, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and assume their duties.

VII.—INCOME AND INVESTMENTS.

1. The Funds of the Society shall be derived from Annual Church Collections, Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies, the rates paid by Beneficiary Members, and the proceeds of investments.

2. The amount received from Church Collections, or otherwise contributed for the general purposes of the Society, shall be divided, half to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and half to the Retiring Ministers' Fund; but money contributed from any source, and especially designated for either Fund, shall be so applied.

3. The Fund shall be invested only in undoubted securities, to be held on the Society's behalf by the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman and the Treasurer, in the name of the Incorporated Society.

4. Any investment or transfer from one investment to another, shall be made only with the written consent of the Finance Committee, or by Vote of the Board.

5. The Treasurer shall give such security to the Board for the funds in his possession, as they may from time to time require.

VIII.—DISPUTED CASES.

In the case of any dispute arising between Beneficiary Members or Annuitytants, and the Directors of the Society, each party shall choose an arbitrator, and these if necessary, an umpire, whose decision shall be final.

IX.—REVISAL OF RATES AND ANNUITIES.

The amount of the rates of premium and annuities shall be reconsidered at each fifth annual meeting, reckoning from that held in 1863, and should any re-adjustment be needed such re-adjustment shall not be deemed to be a violation of good faith by any parties whatsoever.

X.—ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of the Society may be enacted, amended or repealed at any Annual Meeting, provided that notice to such effect has been given at the previous Annual Meeting. But this shall not apply to the case provided for in By-Law 9.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND BRANCH.

XI.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1. From the Fund heretofore belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars shall be set apart as an endowment for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, the interest only of which shall be available towards the payment of annuities.

2. The Balance of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with subscriptions of Beneficiary Members and available proceeds of Church Collections, Subscriptions, Legacies, &c., with interest, and the interest of the Endowment Fund, shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and shall be available for payment of all annuities as prescribed under By-Law No. 13.

XII.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates payable annually by Beneficiary Members of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch :

1. By those received under thirty years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of British North America, subscribing within twelve months from the date of their ordination, Ten Dollars.

2. By those received over thirty and under forty years of age, Twelve Dollars.

3. By those received over forty and under fifty years of age, Fourteen Dollars.

4. By those received over fifty and under sixty years of age, Sixteen Dollars.

5. By those received over sixty years of age, such a special rate as may be agreed to by the Society.

6. All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July, and if not paid within three months, to be subject to a fine of one dollar. If not paid within 12 months, due notice having been given by the trustees, the Minister so in arrears shall be held to have withdrawn from connection with the Fund.

XIII.—ANNUITIES.

There shall be paid from the funds of the Society to the families of the Beneficiary Members, the following Annuities :—

1. To their Widows for life or until re-marriage, One Hundred Dollars.
2. To their Widows for each Son under the age of 16 years, and for each Daughter under the age of 18 years, Twenty Dollars, but Forty Dollars for the youngest child.
3. To Guardians on behalf of Orphans, Forty Dollars for the youngest, and Thirty Dollars for each other child, until they attain the age mentioned in the preceding section, provided nevertheless that the Directors shall have power to delay such payments to Guardians until they are satisfied that they will be properly applied.
4. It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, to make a special grant to the Widow or Orphans of any Congregational Minister—not a Beneficiary Member.

RETIRING MINISTERS' FUND BRANCH.

XIV.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates payable annually by Beneficiary Members of the Retiring Ministers' Fund :—

1. By those received under 30 years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of British North America, subscribing within 12 months from the date of their ordination, Four Dollars per Annum.
2. Those received over 30 and under 35 years of age, Five Dollars per Annum.
3. Those received over 35 and under 40 years of age, Six Dollars per Annum.
4. Those received over 40 and under 45 years of age, Seven Dollars per Annum.
5. Those received over 45 and under 50 years of age, Eight Dollars per Annum.
6. Ministers over 50 years of age shall be received only on such terms as the Directors may agree to.

XV.—EQUITABLE FUND.

The subscriptions of Beneficiary Members shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the "Equitable Fund," together with proportion of interest derived therefrom.

XVI.—EQUITABLE ANNUITY.

1. Beneficiary Members of this Branch having attained the age of 65 years, and having through infirmity been compelled to resign the active duties of the ministry, shall be entitled to an annuity of \$100 for life, payable quarterly, from the Equitable Fund; but should there be any good or sufficient reason why it should not be paid—of which reason the Society shall be the sole and sufficient judge—it shall not be paid, anything in these by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, to increase the annuity of any Beneficiary Member by a special or annual grant not exceeding the sum of \$100 per annum additional, and said grant may be made for life, by regular vote after 12 months' notice given at any Annual Meeting of the Society.

3. It shall be competent for the Society, for special reasons, to make special or annual grants to Members who have not attained the age of 65, and such grant may be made for life, by resolution after 12 months' notice given at any Annual Meeting of the Society.

4. Should the income of either the Equitable or Charitable Fund not be sufficient for the payment of annuities for which it is liable, it shall be right and proper for the Society to make such reduction *pro rata* on all annuities as will cover the deficiency, anything in these by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.—See clause 2, at end.

XVII.—CHARITABLE FUND.

1. The proportion of Charitable Subscriptions, Donations, Legacies and Church Collections available shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Charitable Fund, until the sum of One Thousand Dollars is secured, the interest of which only shall be available for grants or annuities.

2. After \$1,000 is secured, one-half of said Subscriptions, Collections, &c., shall be reserved to constitute an endowment Fund, until the sum of \$5,000 has been secured.

3. The other half, with the proportion of interest due to this account shall be available for grants or annuities; but should the income in any year exceed the disbursements of that year, the surplus, after allowing a small balance for contingencies, shall be added to the Endowment.

XVIII.—CHARITABLE ANNUITIES.

1. The Society may from the Charitable Fund make special or annual grants to any aged or infirm Congregational Minister labouring in British North America, though not a Beneficiary Member.

2. Should the Equitable Fund not be sufficient for the claims of annuitants, it shall be proper to supplement that Fund from the Charitable Fund.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR 1875.

In general By-Law No. 3, to substitute the following for Section 2 :—

“Any Beneficiary Member leaving the ministry, or the Denomination, or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim on the Fund, unless he has been a member for five years; but after having paid in five years' annual subscriptions, he shall have the privilege of withdrawing from the Society, and receiving, as surrender value of his claim on its Fund, two-fifths of the amount of premiums paid in by him.”

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

TORONTO, June 12, 1874.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Northern Congregational Church, at 2 30 P.M. Mr. W. Edgar was called to the Chair, and Rev. B. W. Day appointed Minute Secretary. After prayer by the Rev. W. H. Allworth, the roll was called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names :—Rev. Messrs. Allworth, Wood, Unsworth, Day, Macallum, Marling, Smith, W. Clarke, Black, Salmon, Nighswander, Howell, and Chapman. Churches, by one delegate—Montreal Zion, C. R. Black ; Toronto Zion, John Wickson.

The notices of motion given at last meeting were then brought forward, and the following amendments to the by-laws unanimously adopted :—

I. In General By-Law, No. 1, Sec. 2.—To substitute the word “twenty” for “fifty.”

II. In General By-Law, No. 2.—To make the following addition after the word “Society :”—“or by a majority of four-fifths of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board ; subject, however, to confirmation, on the same majority, by the Society, at its next annual meeting.”

III. In General By-Law, No. 4, Sec. 1.—After the words “shall pay,” to insert the following words : “all arrears, and”

IV. In General By-Law, No. 7, Sec. 4.—To leave out all after the words “consent of,” and substitute the following :—“the Finance Committee, or by vote of the Board.”

The notice of motion concerning By-Law No. 3, was withdrawn, and that concerning By-Law No. 13, Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, was rejected.

The Annual report was read by Mr. C. R. Black, the Secretary of the Board, and on motion, the following resolution was brought forward and carried unanimously :—

Resolved—That the Report now read be adopted and published in the Year Book for 1874-5, and that the following be the Board of Directors for the ensuing year :—Messrs. P. W. Wood, J. C. Barton, James Baylis, R. C. Jamieson, J. S. McLachlan, J. D. Dougall, R. Dunn, L. Cushing, jr., J. W. Moodie, C. R. Black ; and that Messrs. Robert Mills and J. Learmont be requested to act as the Society's Auditors.

The following notice of motion was given by Mr. John Wickson :—

In General By-Law, No. 3, for Sec. 2, to substitute the following :—Any beneficiary member leaving the ministry, or the Denomination or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim on the fund, unless he has been a member for five years ; but after having paid in five years' annual subscriptions, he shall have the privilege of withdrawing from the Society, and receiving as surrender value of his claim on its fund, two-fifths of the amount of premiums paid in by him.

The Secretary submitted the names of five applicants for admission to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, viz. :—Revs. J. R. Dickson, G. T. Colwell, W. Manchee, C. Duff, W. McIntosh. These gentlemen were elected by a unanimous ballot.

Moved, seconded, and *Resolved*—That the Society recommend to the Board of Directors the employment of a collecting agent, to secure the capital, (\$2,000,) of the Pastors' Retiring Fund, in order that it may go into operation as early as possible.

Adjourned to the call of the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. D. Macallum.

The Society met at 5 P.M., on Monday, 15th inst. Rev. S. N. Jackson was called to the Chair, in the absence of Mr. W. Edgar. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. D. Powis.

The Secretary submitted the names of Revs. W. H. A. Claris and E. D. Silcox as applicants for membership to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch. These gentlemen were also unanimously elected by ballot.

Moved, seconded, and carried—That the Secretary of the Board be instructed to prepare a resolution to be introduced to the Union, through the Business Committee, setting forth the claims of the Society on our churches.

The case of Rev. W. Clarke was referred to the Board of Directors.

The Minutes were then read and confirmed, and the Society finally adjourned.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,
Chairman.

B. W. DAY,
Minute Secretary.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Although the Society has now nominally a wider range of usefulness, the Directors regret that the new branch has not created sufficient enthusiasm among the churches to enable them to make it operative. In accordance with your resolution of last year, this cannot be done until a capital sum of two thousand dollars has been raised. Towards this amount, \$350 has been secured, but hitherto donations have only been received from the Toronto and Montreal churches for this object.

We hope that next year our successors may have to report a much more general interest in this important branch of the Society's undertakings.

With regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, the Board thankfully report another year, without a death, in the list of Beneficiaries.

The annuitants remain as at last report—viz, four widows and one child ; involving a gross annual payment of \$440. One beneficiary member, Rev. J. Elliott, has withdrawn, having left the body, and the amount he has paid into the fund (\$145) has been repaid to him without interest, according to the By-law provided for such cases.

It might here be mentioned that the principle involved in this By-law has been deemed by the Board worthy of reconsideration, and an important alteration has been recommended, which appears as a notice of motion to be considered and acted upon by you at this meeting.

The list of Beneficiary Members now contains 31 names, and stands as follows :—

REV. W. H. ALLWORTH,
R. K. BLACK,
J. BROWN,
R. BROWN,
WM. CLARKE,
W. F. CLARKE,
DR. CORNISH,
C. CHAPMAN,
ARCH. DUFF,
B. W. DAY,
K. M. FENWICK,
J. HOWELL,
J. HINDLEY,
S. N. JACKSON,
R. LEWIS,
F. H. MARLING,

REV. D. MACALLUM,
J. MCKILLICAN,
A. MCGREGOR,
D. D. NIGHSWANDER,
A. J. PARKER,
E. J. SHERRILL,
S. SYKES,
J. SANDERSON,
J. SALMON,
J. M. SMITH,
W. W. SMITH,
J. UNSWORTH,
J. WOOD,
DR. WILKES,
J. WHEELER.

The life-membership list is unaltered ; but should the proposed reduction in the life-members' subscription meet your approval, we hope it may be instrumental in procuring considerable additions to this honourable membership. At present the list stands as follows :—

CHAS. ALEXANDER,
J. P. CLARK,
RICH. HOLLAND,
W. R. HIBBARD,
B. HUTCHINS,
J. JACKSON,
MRS. W. R. HIBBARD,
THEO. LYMAN,
HENRY LYMAN,
MRS. HENRY LYMAN,
DAVID LEWIS,

MRS. D. LEWIS,
JOHN LEEMING,
WM. MOODIE,
WM. McDUNNOUGH,
WM. NIVIN,
ALF. SAVAGE,
F. SCHOLES,
P. W. WOOD,
T. M. TAYLOR,
REV. HORROCKS COCKS.

And now we come to the subscribing churches for the current year, and who are entitled to representation by one delegate at this meeting. They are as follows : For the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch—Kingston, \$42 ; Bond Street, Toronto, \$20.25 ; Sherbrooke, \$16.75 ; Lennoxville, \$14.70 ; Guelph, \$13 ; Stouffville, \$4.25.

For the Retiring Ministers' Fund Branch, Toronto—three churches, united collection, \$112.25 ; Northern Church, \$34.20 ; Bond Street Church, \$36 ; Zion Church, Montreal, \$108.10.

The lack of interest evinced by the churches throughout the Dominion in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch has been a standing grievance in the reports of your Board for several years ; but this year shows a still greater falling off, both in the number of contributing churches and in the amount subscribed.

The question arises here : Have the ministers done their duty, both to their people and to the Society, in this regard ? We very much doubt it. This Society bears a very distinct relation to the members of all our churches, and if its claims were judiciously laid before them, we do not doubt that there would be a generous response. That the Fund should be large and strong is

as of much importance to the churches as to the ministers ; and we earnestly hope that no motives of false delicacy will prevent any minister from bringing the claims of the Society before their churches, with a view to establishing an annual church collection for the Provident Fund, just as for the other denominational objects of the Body.

Turning to the general financial statement annexed, it will be found that the Widows' and Orphans' Branch shows a healthy increase. The ordinary income netted about \$1,450, and the ordinary disbursements about \$500.

One item in the disbursements may be classed as extraordinary—viz., the payment of \$145 to a member withdrawing. However, even taking this into account, the net increase to capital on the year is \$800. The assets of the Branch now stand at \$14,050, against \$13,240 in 1873. The liabilities, of course, consist of the risks borne by the fund on those families whose names are represented on the present list of beneficiary members. Another liability which is apt to be overlooked, but which is absolutely necessary to bear in mind in taking stock is, that owing to the families of former beneficiaries who have ceased to be members through removal, but whose widows or families are entitled to receive the amount paid in, together with simple interest, at their death. At present this list stands as follows, and represents a sum of not less than \$500, without taking interest into account :—

Date of last Payment.	Name.	Amount.
Dec., '61.....	R. G. Baird.....	\$20 00
Jany., '59.....	T. Bayne.....	5 00
Jany., '73.....	H. J. Colwell.....	48 00
Nov., '65.....	E. Ebbs.....	70 00
Jany., '69.....	Robt. Hay.....	24 00
May., '65.....	H. Lancashire.....	51 20
Oct., '65.....	J. R. Kean.....	18 00
Jany., '66.....	Geo. Rawson.....	20 00
July., '73.....	T. M. Reikie.....	165 00
July., '69.....	C. P. Watson.....	77 00
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		\$498 20

At the last annual meeting, the question of the proper designation of the Society, in the amended Act of Incorporation, was referred to the Board, who have now to report that in the English copy, as embraced in the Quebec statutes, the designation is correct—*i. e.*, "The Congregational Provident Fund Society."

One of your auditors (Mr. W. J. Patterson) having declined the office, it will be necessary that you should appoint another in his place.

In conclusion, your Board would suggest that their successors be instructed to reprint the amended By-Laws of the Society, including such amendments as may be adopted at this meeting, together with the original Act of Incorporation, and the amended Act of last year, to be published as a small manual for distribution among the present members, and the ministers of the Body generally.

The whole respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. BLACK,
Secretary, Board of Directors.

Montreal, 4th June, 1874.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND, 1874.

1873. Balance on hand..... \$449 63

Receipts.

"	From Beneficiaries.....	\$330 00	
"	From Churches.....	110 95	
"	From Interest.....	1,001 65	
"	From Donations.....	9 00	
"	From Zion Church Trustees.....	48 00	—1,499 60
			<u>1,949 23</u>

Disbursements.

"	Paid on New Stock Building Society.....	1,400 50	
"	Paid for Annuities.....	440 00	
"	Paid Rev. J. Elliot.....	145 00	
"	Paid for Expenses.....	61 72	
"	Travelling Expenses, Secretary.....	\$18 50	
"	Year Book, (Can. Indep.).....	30 75	
"	Postage, &c., &c.....	12 47	
		<u>61 72</u>	
	Balance due Treasurer.....		97 99
		<u>2,047 22</u>	<u>2,047 22</u>

Investments.

"	149 Shares Permanent Building Society.....	7,450 00	
"	149 " New Stock Paid on Account.....	1,549 50	—8,999 50
"	63 Shares Provincial Building Society.....		3,150 00
"	Trustees of Zion Church, Montreal (in course of Payment).....		2,000 00
			<u>14,149 50</u>
	Less balance due Treasurer.....		97 99
"	Capital, 1st June, 1874.....	14,051 51	
"	" 1st June, 1873.....	13,246 63	
	Increase		<u>804 88</u>

Exd., J. C. BARTON.

Examined and found correct,

WILLIAM MACDOUGALL.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—RETIRING PASTORS' CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT
FUND, 1874.

1873. Balance on hand..... \$63 45

Receipts.

“	From United Collection Alliance Meeting, Toronto	\$112 25
“	From Collection, Thanksgiving, Northern Church, Toronto.....	24 20
“	Ditto ditto at Bond Street.....	36 00
“	Annual Collection, Zion Church, Montreal.....	108 10
“	Interest.....	4 49—285 04
		348 49

Disbursements.

“	31½ Shares in Provincial Permanent Building Society.....	300 00
	Balance in hand.....	48 49

Exd., J. C. BARTON.

Examined and found correct,

WILLIAM MACDOUGALL.

THE THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL

Indian Missionary Society.

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CONSTITUTION.

I. This Society shall be called the "Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society."

II. Its object shall be to spread the Gospel among the Aborigines of Canada, and the North-West Territory, according to the views of the Congregationalists, by means of Missionaries, native Pastors and Teachers.

III. Persons, being members of Christian Churches, and paying one dollar per annum, shall be Members of the Society, and any such person paying twenty dollars at any one time, shall be a Life Member.

IV. The business of this Society shall be managed by a Board, consisting of President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, Twelve Directors, and an Executive Committee of at least three members.

V. The Officers and Directors, and the Executive Committee shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

VI. The Board shall hold regular quarterly meetings on the first Tuesday in February, May, August and September, and may meet oftener if necessary : but, unless there is a special reason for so doing, the President and Vice-Presidents living without the County in which the Board holds its meetings need not be notified.

VII. The Society may form Branch Associations, whose Presidents shall be entitled to a seat at all meetings of the Board.

VIII. Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Board, and such appointments shall remain in force until next annual meeting.

IX. The funds of this Society shall be audited annually, by two Auditors to be appointed at the annual meeting.

X. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, three months' notice of any proposal to that effect having been previously given to the Secretary in writing.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CANADA CONGREGATIONAL
INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, on Thursday, June 11th, 1874.

The President, Rev. Francis Henry Marling, in the chair.

After prayer, the Rev. James T. Byrne leading,

The Rev. W. Williams was appointed Minute Secretary.

The Annual Report of the Directors was read by the Rev. W. W. Smith, Secretary, *pro tem*.

Moved by Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., seconded by J. D. Nasmith, Esq. :—

That the Report now read be received, adopted, and printed for circulation ; and that the following be the Board of Directors for the ensuing year :—

President, Rev. Francis H. Marling. *Vice-Presidents*, Revs. William Clarke, Charles Chapman, M.A., Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., James A. R. Dickson, George Hague, Esq. *Treasurer*, James Fraser, Esq. *Secretary*, Rev. W. W. Smith. *Directors*, Revs. Robert Robinson, Joseph Unsworth, Henry Sanders, Benj. W. Day, Messrs. David Higgins, John Wickson, E. A. Childs, J. J. Woodhouse, E. J. Joselin, John Adams, C. Page, J. C. Copp. *Executive Committee*, Revs. Francis H. Marling, Samuel N. Jackson, James A. R. Dickson, William W. Smith, James Fraser, Esq. *Auditors*, J. McDunnough, Esq., W. Freeland, Esq.

A special report regarding the proposed amalgamation of this Society with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, had been printed and distributed among the subscribers, and was presented, without reading, by the Secretary.

It was moved by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, and seconded by the Rev. John Salmon, "That the special report of the Directors on the subject of amalgamation of the Societies be received and adopted," which was carried.

James Fraser, Esq., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report.

It was moved by David Higgins, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. R. Brown, "That the Financial Report now presented be adopted, and, when duly audited, printed in the Report." Carried.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

W. WILLIAMS,

Minute Secretary.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL
INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SPECIAL REPORT,

PRESENTED TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, IN
TORONTO, JUNE 11TH, 1874.

The Board have had under consideration the notice of motion made by Rev. Dr. Cornish at the last Annual Meeting, viz., "That the object and operations of this Society, in so far as the sanction and co-operation of the Congregational Churches of the Dominion are concerned, be connected with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society," and beg to report as follows in relation thereto :—

1. As a matter of historical fact, the Board finds that this Mission to the Indians was first set on foot by the "Congregational Missionary Society of Canada West," in 1850, which was then under the direction of the "Congregational Union of Canada West," and conducted as part of its regular work. That Society having amalgamated with the "Congregational Missionary Society of Canada East," under the title of the "Canada Congregational Missionary Society," in 1853-4, and so come into "connection with the Colonial Missionary Society," and the funds contributed from England and Canada for Canadian Home Missions being thrown into a joint treasury, objection was raised by the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society to the continuance of the Indian Mission on this common fund, inasmuch as its constitution expressly limited its operations to Missions among "Europeans and their descendants." In consequence of this objection a compromise was effected in 1856, whereby, though the Indian Mission continued under the general charge of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, it was set apart as a distinct department, and made dependent on funds specially contributed for the purpose, being placed under the immediate supervision of the Middle District Committee. The result of this arrangement was that the support of the Indian Mission almost entirely failed, and there was danger of its extinction. Consequently, the friends of the Mission resolved on an independent organization for this work alone; and as there were several gentlemen in Owen Sound who took a warm interest in the Mission, and were near to the scene of its operations, the "Canada Indian Missionary Society" was organized in that place in 1860. Many of these parties having subsequently removed from Owen Sound, the headquarters of the Society were transferred to Toronto in February, 1869. Since this separate organization was effected, the work of the Mission, though not commanding the support which it required, has certainly been far more

effectively conducted and liberally sustained than under any previous arrangement.

2. In the light of these facts the Board have considered the present proposal. It was with great reluctance, and only under pressure of the most urgent character, that the Indian Mission was separately organized. Its friends would be very glad to have the countenance and counsel of a body so deservedly honoured as the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, and of its General Committee. They would also be greatly relieved if the funds for the support of the Mission could be supplied without the special appeal now made on its behalf. They moreover appreciate the fact that, in the present relations of the Colonial Missionary Society and the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, the difficulty above referred to is not likely to stand longer in the way. But, on the other hand,—(1) The Board cannot conceal from themselves the fact, which it is better frankly to recognise, that among the constituents of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society there are not a few who look coldly on the Indian Mission, and that there is danger that its interests might suffer from this cause. (2.) They are perfectly satisfied that if this Mission were placed upon the general funds of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, those funds would not be sensibly increased by extra subscriptions for this purpose, and consequently the Indian Mission would be brought into competition with our own Home Missionary Churches, and in that case would inevitably go to the wall. (3.) That if the Indian Mission, as a separate department of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, were to make a special appeal by its own agent for funds, one chief argument for the suggested amalgamation—namely, the large working expenses of the Mission—would be taken away. (4.) That under present arrangements the expense of collecting is greatly reduced, the work being done in the winter by our Missionary-Superintendent. (5.) A large share of the contributions to the Indian Mission is derived from other than Congregationalists, and this would be sacrificed under the proposed change.

3. On the whole, therefore, the Board are unable to see what advantage would result either to the Indian Mission or to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, from their amalgamation, while they apprehend risk to the cause they have specially in charge. They recommend accordingly that this Mission continue under the management of those who feel a special obligation to cultivate this admittedly difficult field.

W. W. SMITH,
Secretary.

Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1873-4.

In presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Society, the Directors desire to note, as cause for devout gratitude to God, the continued life and ability for usefulness, of the agents and teachers, and all others officially connected with the Indian Mission. In this fact is also contained a note of warning to work "while it is day ; the night cometh, when no man can work."

The Mission Stations mentioned in last year's Report, have all been kept up. In addition, our general agent, Rev. R. Robinson, will take up with him, in a few days, an efficient Indian teacher, to be permanently located at She-she-gwah-ning, near the west end of Great Manitoulin Island. As will be seen from the more detailed accounts following, the work is consolidating at Saugeen, under permanent pastoral oversight. The same may now be hoped for at She-she-gwah-ning. While the widening influence of Miss Baylis's labours among the children and adults at Spanish River ; and the exploring journeys of Rev. R. Robinson from year to year, preaching the Word of Life to twos and threes, and camps of pagans (as the case may be), all tend toward the same great end, the gradual bringing in of the red man to salvation in Christ, and to the blessings of Christian civilization.

It must be remembered that our Ojibway Indians (the present objects of our labours), even those bands of them yet in paganism, have all some knowledge of white civilization ; are anxious to cultivate friendly relations with us ; and, under the long reign of national peace, are practically laying aside much of their old war spirit and fierceness. In the pagan bands the traditional belief in one Great Spirit supremely governing creation gives a common ground on which our missionaries can meet them as Paul did the pagans of a more refined sort, at Athens, who, with him, acknowledged themselves the offspring of God. The young men among them possess far less of war-craft and wood-craft than their fathers, when for generations they fought the Mohawks. When the wild arts of the forest decay among them, degradation and extinction can only be looked for, except as Christian civilization reaches them, and lifts their efforts and aspirations toward higher ends.

The tribal divisions among them, we have found an advantage to our Missionary operations, rather than otherwise. Though occasionally finding a chief bigoted in his paganism, and peremptorily declining a proffered teacher to his people, it generally happens that the chief, who is almost always the most intelligent man of the band (his intelligence is his only "constitutional guarantee" of power), discerning the advantages of having a teacher to instruct his people, readily gives his consent—calls a "Council"—discusses the matter with his braves—and full liberty is obtained. The power of the Medicine-

man seems to be much decayed ; at least we find his influence is rarely sufficient to induce a Band to refuse a teacher.

The policy of employing Native Teachers, under efficient Missionary supervision—which has been the policy of the Society from the very first—is, we are more and more convinced, the true one. We trust, sometime soon, to be able to put in force a long-cherished scheme of the Society, in the establishment of a Training School, on however limited a scale, for Native Teachers and Evangelists. William Barrell, who is doing well the work of an Evangelist at Saugeen, was trained under our own Missionaries. Could we have begun, and supported a small Training School ten or twelve years ago, we might now have had a number of the same class ready for the work.

Our great cry is want of funds ; for even as it is, we could soon find men, or train them, *and find abundant room for them*, if we could but support them. A married native Evangelist labouring all the year, receives \$300. Are there not many, among the affluent Christian friends of this Mission, who would like to devote a sum of money, by donation or bequest, to such a purpose ? With many, there is a life-long yearning to do Missionary work, which at last age and circumstances utterly forbid. But if a man is found who *can* go ; and is sent and supported in his field, shall not much of the satisfaction, and much of the praise, accrue to him by whom he is sent and maintained ? In the case of a bequest, the money must be left to the Treasurer, by name ; (the Society not being a corporate body) the purpose to which it is to be applied, following the name and address of the Treasurer.

THE GENERAL AGENCY.

The Rev. Robert Robinson now completes his first year, devoted wholly to the interests of the Society. Besides attending an important Indian Council at Cape Croker, and visiting the Church at French Bay, Saugeen, Mr. Robinson took two extensive tours over the mission field, in the past summer ; one extending to twenty-six days, and the other to five weeks. Extracts from his letters are given below.

Respecting his work as collecting agent (in the winter), Mr. Robinson reports success, and that the Mission meets very general acceptance among the Churches. Several persons of other denominations largely assist our work, being glad to find that anything is done by us for the heathen ; and having apparently confidence that Congregationalists will preach the *Gospel* rather than sectarianism. Many thanks are due to the Christian friends who have assisted the Mission. In consequence of the successful and persevering efforts of the General Agent, the funds are two hundred dollars better than at this time last year. This more encouraging aspect has led to the action detailed under the head of "SHE-SHE-GWAH-NING."

Mr. Robinson everywhere finds the advantage of the labours of his relative and predecessor, the Rev. William Clarke, in collecting. He says, "it is comparatively easy work to get men to *renew* their subscriptions to a Society, instead of creating entirely new ground."

MR. ROBINSON'S LETTERS : VOYAGING.

"Messrs. Keeshig, Barrell and myself, started in our boat on the 11th July from Owen Sound, and reached Cape Croker next day, intending to

take George Richards thence, as a Teacher for She-she-gwah-ning. By the kind invitation of Rev. Thos. Williams, Wesleyan Missionary, I preached in the afternoon of Sunday to about forty Indians; an audience orderly, attentive, and apparently interested..... I think the Methodists are doing a good work here. They seem to have thorough hold of the consciences and sympathy of the people: may the good Lord bless them an hundred fold! Even doctrinal differences grow beautifully less—rather sink into whispers, emphatic it may be, but low and loving, in the presence of Paganism and Popery.....

“On Monday, taking Richards with us, we started about nine A.M. Our mast broke in a squall off Cape Croker, but happily we were near a harbour, and rowing to land, we repaired the mast and resumed our journey. About seven o'clock, P.M., we reached Cabot's Head, having made a good run of about thirty-five miles. Here we hauled up, and as well as we could, caulked our boat, now rather leaky. A heavy sea prevented our starting until noon of the next day, when we made our wide crossing to Manitoulin Island, and reached Smith's Cape, some thirty miles, about sunset. The Lord kindly gave us a favourable voyage, fair and safe, although preceded and followed by storms. Next day, storm-bound, we could not start until two o'clock, and then only made the harbour at the east end of the Island about sundown. Next day we reached Little Current, where Barrell visited a sick Indian. We find here that the Whitefish Lake Indians have returned to their homes, so that we need not go to Lacloche. On Saturday and Sunday we were stormbound at Sucker Creek. On Sunday I held service and made the experiment of proposing and answering religious questions, as part of our exercises. With prayer and praise and the Word of God, we spent some hours of that stormy Sabbath, assured that the same blessed Lord who sailed over Tiberias and taught on its shores nineteen centuries ago, was with us. Next day we reached West Bay, our old mission ground; this settlement now contains about thirty-five houses. The men with their chiefs being absent at their farms, we could only visit a few women in their dwellings, converse with them on the subject of religion, and assure ourselves that the door here is really shut against our teachers by the priests. One man could not restrain his indignation against us, saying: ‘We do not want your teachers or your words about religion.’

“In the afternoon we made a good run of about thirty-five miles, and camped at Maple Point. Before daylight next morning some Indians beached their canoes near us and proceeded to get breakfast. After refusing an invitation to join in our worship, commerce, in the shape of our purchasing two or three fish, drew us more closely together; when we began our worship, music soothed the savage breast, and the men came over to our camp and listened to hymns, scriptures and prayer in Indian, and to my commendation of Christ to their acquaintance and experience. During this time the women and children stood aloof and they all looked wild enough; they were Pagans from Sagamook, and I was glad of the opportunity of speaking to them.

“In the midst of squally weather we only reached She-she-gwah-ning on Thursday morning; we found most of the people waiting in holiday garb to welcome us on the shore; appointed one o'clock for council and preaching service; spoke from Heb. iv. 14-16., of importance and acceptance of prayer in the

name of Jesus. At council, the Chief courteously and gratefully accepted Richards as teacher, signified the pleasure felt in my proposal to spend some weeks with him, and concluded with some very wise and good counsel to his people. He is quite an orator. In the evening we started for Mississagua River, but a dead calm caught us midway, and in dread of a threatening storm we rowed hard until late in the night, when providentially we found in the dense darkness a little cove, into which we managed to thrust our boat, and despite the rain, we lit a fire and sat down, longing for the day. The day came, but with it the storm, and no small difficulty in saving our boat from the breakers. Provisions getting short, Barrell secured a pigeon and a crane for food, and we were glad to get off in the evening from this place which we named Hunger Island. A fair wind carried us to Mississagua River after sunset, when one of the first sounds which saluted us was that of the Pagan drum; the monstrous thumping was carried on almost all night. Next morning we started early, having a fair wind up the river. After vainly calling upon a French trader and the Hudson Bay Co's. post in order to purchase bread or potatoes, we passed up to the Indian Camp ground, where we found only six wigwams and about forty Indians. most of the band having returned to their hunting grounds. In the absence of their chief we persuaded some of the men to gather around us, and on the ground evidently just trodden down by their Pagan dance of the preceding night, I preached Christ to them. Then we went to each of the wigwams and spoke of Jesus and His grand salvation to the women and children. One man here—an old man with a firm thoughtful brow, said that he had heard of this religion before. One of our men (viz., the Romish Priest !) had spoken to him about it last week; but he himself was like a wild deer, he could not stay in one place beside a teacher, *and he was not strong enough to be a Christian*. I could only assure him that God is our strength, strength made perfect in weakness. Jesus stirred him by my enforced silence; “while I kept silent *the fire burned*.” It is hard to get at man's heart through an interpreter. Oh, for the power to speak to those poor souls in their own tongue. Oh, miserable sin and curse of Babel. The priest had recently induced several of this band to be baptized. In the evening we started with a fair wind, saw and conversed with some Roman Catholic Indians at Blind River and reached Serpent River about sunset. The Pagan village here consists of some fifteen log houses, and four or five wigwams with their inmates; with most of the people we held religious conversation; in one wigwam we had a long talk with the tall chief to whom I spoke of Jesus some four years ago. He would not say much about religion, but his wife being sick and feverish, I gave her some medicine, and they both consented that we should pray to our God for her recovery. On the next day, Sunday, visiting this couple, they expressed gratitude for the medicine and its beneficial effect, and the man, although lame, came limping by aid of a chair to council and preaching service.

“I had a fair opportunity for preaching Christ. The second chief and the oldest son of the absent head chief expressed their favourable opinion of education, and assured us that they would receive and kindly treat a teacher. Even the old medicine man who has previously been so cross, seemed to be somewhat ameliorated, and I trust that we have here found an open door for education and Christianity. Quite a number of people belonging to this

band are absent, being camped at various points on the river and adjacent islands. On returning to our camp after council we had evening service, adopting mutual inquiry plan and with such subjects as 'Wherefore has the Church lost the power of working miracles?' and 'What is the unpardonable sin?' Thoughts on conversion as a moral miracle and evidence of Christianity, and on the danger of presumptuous sin, with prayer and praise and Scripture, helped us to a happy Sabbath evening. The scenery here is very fine. Next morning, our last half-dozen biscuits being very precious, and our meat the opposite of tempting, I rejoiced over a goodly pike which I hooked for breakfast, and found a deeper emphasis than ever before in the petition—'Give us this day our daily bread.' Starting with a head wind, we were compelled to camp on Arid Island, and still some miles distant from the Spanish River Mills, the store and the bread needful for supper and breakfast. Next morning at Spanish River."

FRENCH BAY, SAUGEEN.

This Indian church is an off-shoot of the old Congregational Indian Church, at Colpoys' Bay, at one time under the missionary care of Rev. Ludwick Kribs, and afterward of the late Mr. James Atkey, and native deacons. The majority of the Indians connected with the church on the Saugeen Reserve, live near the Lake Huron shore, at French Bay, some five or six miles from the little Indian Village of Saugeen.

William Barrell, Indian Evangelist, is at present in charge of the church. Under date of the 16th of May, Mr. Barrell reports a membership of thirty-two—fourteen men and eighteen women. The Sabbath School has four teachers and twenty scholars. The Indians feel the comfort of their little church edifice, erected a year and a-half ago. An orderly attendance, averaging thirty, is every Lord's Day seen in the building. They have even obtained a small melodeon, to assist the service of praise. And larger churches with choirs, so difficult sometimes to manage, will sympathize with the passing trouble of the young Indian preacher, whose organist had for several Sabbaths before the date of Report, taken a huff at something; and refused to play! As a compensation for this little trouble, Mr. Barrell has organized an adult class, under the sounding title of a "Young Men's Christian Association," in connection with the church and congregation. He says these meetings have been very good, and largely attended, though some have backslidden through drink, and lost their former interest in the "Y. M. C. A." He says there have been fewer deaths this year—two members have died. "I am continually," he writes, "visiting my people and sick folks, and the Lord is with us in our meetings, and He is with His word Everywhere the chiefs are very friendly with me." Mr. Barrell has his mind much set on erecting a small building in the Indian Village of Saugeen, for preaching and Sunday-school. He says: "If the Society would give leave for me to go round to collect for the benefit of the church in *Saugeen*, I believe we would have a place made where the people might worship Then we might expect to do more work in *Saugeen*. But as it is, we have no Sunday-school here (in the village) as we have no place where we might have one." On this question, the Directors will consult with Mr. Robinson. Were there enough money, a small grant would be made at

once. In any event, buildings erected thus would be of a very inexpensive kind, as in the event of a band giving up its reserve to the Government, and removing elsewhere, the Society's claim to mission buildings might lapse.

The Saugeen Church has always been a central point in our mission, and it is from thence, at present, that we must expect to draw our Native Teachers for the work.

Mr. Robinson writes in November last :—

"Since my return I have, by request of the Board of Directors, visited Saugeen, to investigate charges that were publicly made against one of our native agents last June. I am happy to say they were without the least foundation, and that the party shares the confidence of all the members of his church and is deserving of ours.

"I preached thrice, delivered them other addresses, administered the Lord's Supper to about eighteen adults, Indians, members of the Congregational Church, and besides baptizing an infant, had the great pleasure of *baptizing a Pagan woman*, giving her the name Mary. Barrell assured me that she has for some time given him satisfactory evidence that she is truly connected to Christ as well as to Christianity.

"One of the men now working with the Church was a Romanist, and is son of the said Mary ; another son about fifteen years old is still a Pagan. Barrell and I visited at their house, and finding the Pagan youth within, I urged him to follow his mother's example, and believe on Jesus ; his answer was : ' I believe that mother loves Jesus, and that she has done well, and I hope that I too will love Jesus soon.' I had the great pleasure of hearing an Indian man thank me for having done good to his soul, by a sermon at Cape Croker, and say that he had then and there determined to serve the Lord. He is one of those now working with the church."

SPANISH RIVER.

Miss Emma Baylis, of Montreal, is now at her post, for the fourth summer, at the mouth of the Spanish River, on the North Shore of Georgian Bay. Her labours extend to beginning of October, when most of the Indians go back into the interior and separate. The thanks of the Society are due to the Ladies of the three Congregational Churches in Toronto, who have furnished Miss Baylis with a stock of garments to clothe some of the almost naked children who gather into her school. It is difficult to say to an Indian child from a Pagan household—*Be thou instructed and trained*, while we "give them not those things that are needful for the body."—(James ii. 16). No welcome to a beloved teacher could be more touching than Miss Baylis received last year from four four-year-old little French children (who had not themselves been at school but had learned it from the others) singing to her "Come to Jesus, just now !" This, with "Jesus loves me, this I know," and "Happy Land," the whole of the Indian children have got : and they sing them in their wigwams in the thickets, beside the frozen lakes of the interior, all winter ; and come down to the shore with them again in the Spring !

Miss Baylis had a few Bibles with her last Summer, which she sold for the Bible Society, as she had opportunity. Then, on the principle that the greater blessing always rests with the *giver*, she induced the children to put their coppers into a missionary box. It was opened with all due ceremony in the Autumn, and found to contain fifty-three cents, which was devoted to the Bible Society. Miss Baylis takes up with her, this year, the January No. of the U. C. Bible Society's "Recorder," in which these contributions

are acknowledged, and a verbal message from Rev. John Gemley, Secretary, how much he values this free-will offering from little half naked Indian children in the wilds of the north.

We give Miss Baylis' Report in full, at the close of her labours last year. It is dated Spanish River Mills, Oct. 10th, 1873.

“ Rev. S. N. Jackson, Secretary :

“ Dear Sir—In reporting to you the last Summer's work at Spanish River, I would state that I think the Mission has been highly appreciated both by Indians and whites. Most of the Indian children, as usual, attended the school—boys predominating. The clothing which the ladies of Toronto made was very serviceable, and induced a number to attend school. I had children this summer attending, who could read, write, and cypher nicely ; also, drawing and designing on their slates. They also learned portions of Scripture, and Hymns. Of course, *Bible Instruction* I make the aim of the school ; believing there will be no failure of these seeds taking root in time, springing up, bearing fruit. God's word ‘ shall not return unto Him void.’ If we are faithful in sowing, God will do His part in causing to grow. The command is, ‘ To every creature.’

“ A number of Indians and Squaws came very regularly on Sabbath mornings to Bible-readings, which I had for them exclusively, in the Indian language. Sometimes I had an Interpreter. When alone, I had to do the best I could. The Indian Hymn Books, which the ladies of the Congregational Church, Montreal, gave me, are a great help in singing. The hymns are very fine, and the tunes simple for them to learn. The Indians sing sweetly. The Sabbath morning with the Indians was the pleasantest part of the day. They paid great attention, and appeared to like these meetings very much. The Sunday School was well attended ; including all the white children in the settlement, with a number of Roman Catholic children. Occasionally a few of the ‘ Mill hands ’ would drop in ; but as I had no efficient help in teaching, I made it a general lesson for all. The English children learned portions of Scripture at home, and said them to me ; with additional ones which I taught the Indians and French children, using Scripture pictures as illustrations. The Bible-readings in the evening were well attended by the whites, and the Indians who could understand English.

“ Between the services on Sabbath, I went and read to the sick ; two Indian women especially. One of these women died trusting in Jesus ! She had been ill all summer, with consumption. I went daily to visit her ; generally taking with me a cup of tea and a bit of food. Two of her boys attended the school. She liked me to read the Indian hymns every time I went. Two of her especial favourites were, ‘ Come ye Sinners, poor and needy,’ and ‘ Jesus, lover of my soul.’ But alas, Priestly vigilance and persecution ! She was not permitted to die unmolested. But thanks be to God, who giveth His people that trust in Him ‘ the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ !’ So was it in her case. The day before she died, the priest went to see her, and wished to read the Catholic Service. She told him ‘ she did not want it—she was not a Catholic—but *belonged to that woman up there,*’ (pointing to the Mission House,) meaning she was a Protestant. He left her. In the evening I went down to see her ; and never shall I forget the pleasing expression of her eyes when she saw me. She was too weak to speak, but

motioned me to sit down beside her ; then pointed to the little shelf over her head where her Indian Bible lay, asked me to 'read.' I did so, then prayed, and read one of her hymns. I asked her if she was happy and trusting in Jesus ? She pointed up and said 'yes.' Her husband (who is a Protestant, but I fear not a Christian) interpreted for me. I left her, and went home. The next morning, while engaged in the school with the children, I saw the priest running over to her tent, accompanied by seven or eight Roman Catholic women. I knew at once what he was going to do. I put on my hat, and ran in after them, where I found the priest and a Catholic woman bending over the dying woman, trying to give her the last Sacrament and baptize her into the church. I placed myself between the woman and the priest, and told him 'not to do it—there was no need for it—that she was trusting in Jesus, and prepared to die.' He said he had been told she was not prepared to die. I said the woman knew best, and I did not wish him to interfere. At last, her husband, who had been sent for came in. I asked him, 'Do you wish the priest to officiate ?' 'He said *No !*' Then I said, 'Let us kneel down and pray.' As soon as the priest heard my voice, he *ran out of the tent*, and all the Catholic women with him ! The dying woman said, 'good-bye' to us all, kissed her children, and peacefully passed away. Dear Sir, I feel that if our Protestant Missions are to have a foothold among the people, we must take our stand, and speak out plainly when dealing with Popish powers. The people do not need priestly Sacraments ; they need teaching and enlightenment, which the priests do not give them—and I think the people are beginning to see and feel this, by their asking for schools to be placed amongst them.

"One great drawback to our work amongst the Indians is the 'fire-water,' which is brought in amongst them sometimes by whites, and sometimes by trading Indians. A great deal of trouble was caused in the settlement this summer by it. A man was killed in the sawmill through being drunk, and I was considerably frightened one night by the Indians yelling and shouting round the Mission House, for about two hours. They were finally scattered to their tents by the pouring rain.

"That week, in connection with the Mission, I organized a Temperance Society. The first evening a number came and joined the pledge, and received badges. In all, during the summer, seven Indians and seven whites pledged themselves not to taste *drink*. Towards the close of the season, the children had their usual 'treat' and gifts. I also had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, on their return from She-she-gwah-ning. They seemed to enjoy the Mission rooms, and not have the discomfort of going round seeking accommodation from strangers. My own comfort was very much enhanced by having them.

"The Interpreter who aided me on Sabbath, is a fine earnest Christian man. He reads nicely in English and Indian. His wife also is a Christian. I told him he should leave his occupation, and come into the work altogether and become a teacher. He said he would like it ; and would think about it during the winter. He is engaged in the Hudson Bay Company. The end of September, the Indians were leaving for their different homes. I then made preparations to close the house and school. The last Sabbath in Sunday School, I opened the 'Missionary Box,' which I had introduced into the school this summer, and found 53 cents, which the children had dropped in

on the Sabbath. We appropriated it to the *Bible Society*. I also had a small box nailed by the door, on which was, 'For the Lord's cause.' In it had been dropped from time to time \$1, which I appropriated for oil, and the purchase of a lamp for our evening meetings. The people are pleased that the Mission House is built. They think the Mission will be permanent amongst them. Some of the white women said "It would be *so long* before the spring would come, when they might expect me back!" The Indian women came very often to my room, to have some readings, and sing with me. The last Sabbath evening I read to the people a portion of Scripture, Jeremiah, viii, 20. 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!' Closed by singing the 'Missionary Hymn.' We leave it all in the hands of the Lord; trusting that some grain will be found at last in His garner—

"We plow it, and we dig it,
And we sow the furrowed land;
But the growing and the reaping
Are in the Lord's own hand."

"Yours in the work.

"EMMA BAYLIS."

"P. S.—I think it probable that the white people will have a teacher engaged for themselves next summer. I advised them to do so. There are too many to be taken into our school; and they want their children longer taught, and more regularly. I charged something for them this summer, \$9 in all; which went towards housekeeping expenses.—E. B.

Rev. R. Robinson thus writes of his first visit last year to Spanish River: "Next morning at Spanish River Mills, I visited Miss Baylis in her school; and in the afternoon visited a number of wigwams, conversing with their inmates on the subject of religion. Had an interesting chat with a Pagan woman from Serpent River, and with an old Roman Catholic woman. The latter spoke with much feeling of the hymns which Miss Baylis read to her, stating that she was grateful to Miss Baylis—and that she always liked to hear of Jesus, and would listen to talk about Him—although her priest forbade her! My impression is, that with the heathen Indians we have the advantage of the Romish priest—with this people, a religion of freedom and love is more attractive than a religion of bondage and fear can be, and the free intercourse of Protestant and Popish Indians, tends to the enlightenment of the latter. Miss Baylis seems to be an indefatigable and devoted Missionary, and is doing the work of teacher and pastor to this whole settlement. She has just organized a Temperance Society. In the evening I addressed one of its meetings, having present some 30 people, about a dozen Indians being present. Keeshig addressed them in their own tongue."

SYDNEY BAY.

During the year, Mr. Peter Keeshig, Native Teacher, has kept a school under an arrangement of half support from the Indians of the place, and half by the Society. Some difficulties having arisen in the carrying out satisfactorily of this arrangement, and larger and more promising openings existing elsewhere, it was decided by the Directors in January last to withdraw their support from the Sydney Bay school after the first day of July 1874.

In January last, Mr. Keeshig writes, complaining of the discomfort of the school-house, which the promoters of the joint scheme had left unplastered, and of want of more books. In May he reports an attendance, from January, of sixteen children. The Sabbath-school attendance was reported as about twenty. He also reports Sabbath services kept up, and prayer meetings on Wednesdays. From the beginning of April Mr. Keeshig has been prostrated by sickness and unable to keep school.

SHE-SHE-GWAH-NING.

This station is on the north side of Great Manitoulin Island toward its western extremity. William Barrell was our first missionary here, and after him Peter Keeshig, but it has been vacant for a year or two. George Richards an excellent native Teacher, was proposed to be sent here, but Richards did not wish to go for the summer only and be thrown employment the larger part of the year. But last year it was impossible to support an increase of the permanent staff of teachers. But at a meeting of the Directors in April this year it was decided, in view of the somewhat better state of the funds, to authorize Mr. Robinson to take Richards north with him, and settle him permanently at She-she-gwah-ning. Last year, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, with Richards for interpreter, spent four weeks at She-she-gwah-ning. Mr. Robinson's account of this missionary visit, which we reproduce from the *Canadian Independent* is exceedingly interesting. He says :

"We set out on our second missionary journey on Thursday, 19th August, by the steamer bound for Spanish River. On Thursday, at one o'clock a.m., we reached that place, and hoisting tent on the wharf, slept till daylight, and about nine o'clock started with Richards and another Indian in their boat for She-she-gwah-ning; a squall forced us to take shelter in Gore Bay, where we camped about eight o'clock p.m. After a rainy night we set sail about nine o'clock a.m., and reached She-she-gwah-ning in the evening. Almost the whole population of the village came down to the shore to receive us, and soon many hands made light work of carrying our "impediments" to our new home. I expected to be like Abraham, a dweller in a tent, but found that the men had mended the roof, and whitewashed the walls, and the women had scrubbed the floor of an old log-house which was thus kindly provided for our dwelling. On thanking the chief's eldest son for this comfort, he said : 'It was but a little thing for them in this way to say, welcome teacher.'

"Having appointed a meeting for worship which was attended by some twenty-five persons, and held in the house commonly occupied by the Roman Catholic priest during his visits, I consulted the chief about having all the people come to worship every morning and evening. He said that the time *when* was my business, but he thought that the people could not come in the morning, which I found correct, as no rule prevails about working hours, many going to fish or garden before daylight, or not at all, as the whim may take them. So I appointed six o'clock for service every evening, and securing an old cow's horn, which had long been used for their gatherings, I literally 'blew the trumpet of the Gospel,' but not with a very inviting sound. Indian lungs are apt to be injured or weak; and my music elicited an amount of admiration by its volume, which might fairly be denied to its quality."

Our custom at service was to commence with praise, using the Indian hymns; then to read the Scriptures in Indian, offering explanations and exhortations, to be interpreted by Richards. After praise Richards led in

prayer ; and I closed with the Lord's prayer in Indian, and the Benediction. But the music, led by my wife on the concertina was a special attraction, and did more than anything else to keep up the congregation—ranging from 15 to 30 persons. Almost all the people came out, some time or other, to our meetings ; and we found at last that the young people were learning our tunes, and joining their sweet voices in the praises of the Lord. I tried to present to my hearers those Scriptures and lessons which I thought they most needed ; and I do trust that the very great contrast between the Church of Christ and Romanism and Paganism, was observed and believed by them. False religion is ever a thing of fear—true religion is light, and love, and liberty. Richards was met by the question, "Wherefore does your minister not scold us as the priest does, he speaks to us kindly ?" I told Richards to tell them that our Master, the blessed Jesus, was kind, and that "God is love." Fearful at turning them away from Christianity, I refrained from saying anything against the priest or the Church of Rome, but just gave them "the truth as it is in Jesus," the truth which makes free from all error and all sin ; but I should not be much surprised to find the whole band, if properly cared for by us, Protestantized. Only one family is now Pagan, but the rest are little more than nominally Papists, having had only one or two visits of a few days in each year from the priests. Let us teach them to read, and give them the New Testament, and we may well pray in hope that they shall be turned not only to Protestantism, but to the Lord. Every day I gave them a simple lesson, and had prayer in the school, having an attendance varying from one to two dozen scholars, and frequently Richards the interpreter and I went round to see the people at their houses. Seldom was our house void of visitors, especially of women, to some of whom my wife taught the art of knitting, and received in return lessons in Indian conversation, in which she has made considerable progress. By dint of study, she and I managed to communicate some of our ideas ; and often, too, I had opportunity of reading the scriptures. The presence of the family evidently helped to secure the confidence of the people, and many presents which they made to our little girl and ourselves, showed the kind feelings which they entertained towards us. I doubt not that, aided by this winter's study of their language, another visit may be even more useful. Calling on an old Pagan man and his wife one day, as soon as I told them my errand they ceased working ; the woman left her matting and sat down in the corner, the man dropped the net which he had been mending, and both listened most attentively to the gospel. I tried to make the glad tidings as plain and impressive as possible, and then both expressed their consent that we should pray to our God to bless them. Afterwards I noticed the woman among those who came to our evening worship. My last sight of the old man was on our voyage home, when we met him and his Pagan son, both bareheaded and rowing for their lives to escape a squall off Gore Bay ; his boat was small and poor, and the waves were such as I have not seen since I crossed the Atlantic. Our much larger boat had all that she could bear, and whether the old man escaped or not I don't know, but I do know that it is a pleasant thing to have our last correspondence with a fellow creature, such as may be our joy when we meet before the Bar of God.

In leaving, we visited every house, and invited all the people to a farewell tea-meeting ; some 70 or 80 came. We had speeches from the chiefs

and others, in which kind mention was made of ourselves and our work ; the wish expressed that we should repeat our visit, and that our words might be remembered and profitable. Promise also was given that a new school should be ready for us in the Spring. Then I took the opportunity of pressing the claims of Jesus upon them ; and after singing and prayer we closed with the hymn, " Shall we gather at the River ? " Many of the young people have learned this tune—some the words, and many the sense ; and there were a good many moistened eyelashes as the thought came, shall we meet again in Heaven ? How many of us, and how soon ?

Almost all came down with us next morning to our boat, and amid earnest requests for a school-teacher, and injunctions to come back again, sorrowful at the thought of the long and mentally dark winter before them, we bade farewell.

As a people they are industrious and prosperous, civil and kind, and seemingly happy. Their village consists of some twenty-five log-houses, and contains about one hundred souls. Most of the families possess a boat and nets, and cultivate gardens. In all, about thirty acres are under crop, in the shape of corn, potatoes and beans. These vegetables, with white fish in summer, and pork in winter, make the almost unvarying food of the people. Hunting is almost entirely abandoned ; and a few oxen and horses are possessed by the more wealthy. All appear to be well fed, and comfortable as to the body, but the poor mind is dark and destitute.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

Small as is the field yet occupied by the Society, and limited—very limited as its resources are, yet in both respects it is far in advance of 1860, when it took its present shape. *It has grown !* And we see every indication of a healthy growth in the future. One thing the Churches must not forget—the benefit to themselves of having such a work on their hands ! Instead of contracting the operations of Churches in other quarters, well-directed Missionary efforts have always been found vital to their best home-interests.

As our Society gains a lasting and liberal sympathy and support from those to whom it appeals, and as Missionary explorations reveal locations for Missionary and Educational efforts, we hope to make great advances in the evangelization of the tribes and bands lingering on the verge of our civilization ; and to penetrate gradually further and further to their interior haunts. It is not ours to speculate *when* the whole remaining Indian population may be hoped to be evangelized : but it is ours to go on patiently with the work !

In August last year, Mr. Robinson writes respecting the little Mission boat *Nereid*, in which he made a trip of over five hundred miles in July :—" Keeshig says that our boat is too old to be safe for next year's journey. Accordingly I have left orders to sell her for her value, and it will remain for the committee to decide as to the purchase of a better boat. We had a good deal of trouble with leakage on this journey."

A new boat, larger, and in every way more substantial, has, by direction of the Board, been built during the winter. She is named the "*Aurora*," twenty eight feet keel, and half-decked. Under date of 22nd May, Mr. Robinson writes : " Our new boat is launched, and is *good*." The boat will cost about \$150 ; and may be expected to do good service for many years.

In April, the Secretary, Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., signified his intention of resigning the Secretaryship of the Society, on account of the pressure of pastoral duties. The Board parted with his services with great regret, after his efficient labours in his special office for the past three years. They felt constrained, however, to accept the resignation, and have made an interim appointment.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. SMITH,
Secretary.

Pine Grove, 28th May, 1874.

JAMES FRASER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1873 & 1874.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance on hand, per last Report.....	\$679 23	By Salaries of Missionaries and Evangelization.....	\$1227 34
“ Tuition fees from white residents at Spanish River, per Miss Baylis	9 00	“ Balance of Salary to Rev. Wm. Clarke ..	70 00
“ Amount of American Grant	178 00	“ Rev. Wm. Clarke, per this sum credited in error, 1873	20 00
“ Collections per Rev. R. Robinson	1,192 17	“ Travelling Expenses of Missionaries and Directors ..	317 86
“ “ Rev. Wm. Clarke.....	252 90	“ Printing, Stationery, and School Books.....	92 23
“ Sundry Subscriptions paid Treasurer	46 50	“ Lumber for School-house at Spanish River	59 00
		“ Postage, Exchange, and Petty Sundries.....	8 11
		“ Balance in hands of Treasurer ..	563 26
	\$2357 80		\$2357 80

Examined and found correct,

Toronto, 4th September, 1874.

DAVID HIGGINS,
Auditor.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE
CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR 1873-4.

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BELLEVILLE.

Mrs. Pon on.....	\$5 00	Mrs. Stevenson.....	\$1 00
Rufus Holden	2 00	Mr. Holmes	1 00
"E. A. B."	2 00	James Lamont	1 00
A. G. Northrup	2 00	R. K. Payne	2 00
Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Esson	1 00	R. Smith	1 00
A. Robertson.....	1 00	A. Young	1 00
G. S. Tickell	1 00	John Crosson.....	1 00
W. F. Mendell	1 00	Mrs. Andrews	0 50
A. L. Green	1 00	Rev. J. Rannie.....	0 50
William Sutherland.....	1 00	"Cash"	0 25
William Johnston	1 00	(ADDITIONAL—1874.)	
J. W. Dunnet	1 00	J. McKeough.....	5 00
R. Chown	1 00	R. Urquhart	4 00
John Lewis	1 00	H. F. Cumming	2 00
E. W. Holton	1 00	Hugh Malcolmson	2 00
F. Van Norman	1 00	Thomas Stone	1 00

\$23 00

BRANTFORD.

C. H. Waterous	\$10 00	J. H. Gemmill	1 00
I. Cockshutt	10 00		
Mrs. Cockshutt	5 00		\$56 25
"Cash"	5 00		
Leeming & Paterson	5 00		
J. & F. Ott.....	4 00		
Rev. John Wood	2 00		
James Wilkes	2 00		
D. R. Blackader	2 00		
Sunday-school Class.....	1 00		
Mrs. S. Park	1 00		
Mellish & Son	1 00		
Allan Cleghorn	1 00		

CORNWALL.	
Rev. N. Patterson	\$1 00
Edwin Kewin	1 00
Mr. Blaisdell.....	1 00
G. Smyth	1 00
J. F. Pringle.....	1 00
Mr. Moore	1 00
A. Turner	1 00
Mrs. R. W. Macfarlane	1 00
John McPhee	1 00

\$49 00

CHATHAM.

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H. F. Cumming	\$4 00	Mrs. John McIntyre	1 00
Thomas Stone	4 00	Miss Strickland	1 00
Hugh Malcolmson	3 00	Mr. Dingwall	0 50
S. Barfoot	3 00	Miss McLean	0 50
J. Morrish	2 00	Mrs. Stark	0 50
P. D. McKellar	2 00	J. Kilgour	0 50
John McL	2 00	D. Pringle	50
John McKerral	2 00		
Thomas C. McNabb	1 00		
J. W. McKeough	1 00		\$16 50
K. Urquhart	2 00	COBOURG.	
John Rice	1 00	Field & Bro.	\$5 00
John Wall	1 00	William Kerr	2 00
		F. W. Field	2 00

A. Fraser	\$4 00
Henry Evans.....	1 00
John Hayden.....	1 00
C. Lawes	1 00
H. Hough	1 00
D. Brodie	1 00
William Field	1 00
Joseph Griffith	1 00
Jeffrey & Co	1 00
John D. Roberts	1 00
John Field	1 00
Mrs. Crossen.....	1 00
E. Macnachten.....	1 00
John Butler	1 00
Miss G. Dickenson	1 00
J. P. Field	1 00
Small sums.....	0 70

\$28 70

COLD SPRINGS.

Collection at Service	4 25
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ERAMOSA.	
John Armstrong	\$4 00
William Armstrong	4 00
Thomas Armstrong	2 00
James S. Armstrong	1 00
Mrs. G. Armstrong	1 00

\$12 00

FERGUS.

G. D. Ferguson	\$5 00
A. D. Ferrier	4 00
He y M	2 00
George L. Armstrong	1 00
Fergus Congregational Church	5 00
Miss Whitt	1 00
James Argo	1 00
Robert Phillips.....	0 50
Mr. Moffatt	0 50
J. Ironsides	1 00
Congregational S.'s	6 00

\$27 00

FOREST.

Alexander Rawlings	4 00
L. McFadyen.....	3 00
D. Livingston	2 00
Angus McGregor	2 00
Dr. James Hutton	2 00
Mrs. Timberlake	1 00
" Fisher.....	1 00
Mr. Sharman	1 00
Mrs. Buchanan.....	1 00
" William Gammon	1 00
Mr. Lloyd	1 00
Rev. J. Salmon	1 00
Charles Gustin	1 00
Mrs. Johnson.....	1 00
James Johnson.....	1 00
Anonymous	1 00
Isaac Hodgson	0 25
Miss Bannister	0 50

Thomas Jones	\$0 50
Mr. Blunden	0 50
Mr. Watson	0 25
E. Woodruff	0 25
Small sums	1 05

\$27 30

GARAFRAXA.

First Congregational Church.....	\$3 20
" " Sunday-school	2 00

\$5 20

GUELPH.

C. Raymond	\$5 00
John Mickle	5 00
E. Arms	5 00
Rev. W. F. Clarke	2 00
Rev. W. Manchee.....	4 00
J. Crowe.....	2 00
Mr. Passmore	2 00
Mrs. Bates.....	2 00
S. Hodgskin	2 00
Mr. Elliot	2 00
F. Newton	1 00
Mr. Bond	1 00
Robert Thompson.....	1 00
A. M. Jackson	00
Charles Grundy	1 00
William Tawse	1 00
Mr. Oxnard	1 00
Miss Mickle	1 00
Master Mickle and Missionary Box	1 60
James Goldie	0 00
R. Baker.....	1 00
Mrs. Tatham.....	1 00
Mr. Moulton.....	1 00
Mrs. Boulton.....	1 00
Alfred Worsley.....	1 00
George Worsley.....	1 00
George Howard.....	1 00
George Skinner.....	1 00
Mrs. Budd	1 00
Mr. Pilcher	1 00
Small sums	4 95

\$54 95

GUELPH ADDITIONAL.

Charles Raymond.....	\$10 00
John Mickle	5 00
S. Hodgskin	2 00
J. Pilcher	2 00
John Crowe	2 00
C. Mickle	2 00
Rev. W. Manchee	2 00
E. H. Arms	2 00
Stephen Boulton	2 00
A. M. Jackson	1 00
John Mitchell	1 00
George Howard.....	1 00
William Tawse	1 00
Mr. Blondell	1 00
Miss Hodgskin	1 00

Joseph McKay & Bro	\$10 00	"Cash"	\$1 00
W. R. Ross	10 00	Mr. Spalding	1 00
Ladies' Missionary Association Zion Church	25 00	Prof. Cornish	1 00
Eastern Cong. S. School.....	10 00	Henry Baylis.....	5 00
Rev. George H. Wells.....	5 00		
William Moodie	5 00		\$262 00
"J. R. D."	5 00	OTTAWA.	
Chas. Alexander	5 00	H. F. Bronson	\$5 00
Mrs. Learmont.....	5 00	Rev. D. M. Gordon	5 00
W. Macdougall.....	5 00	E. H. Bronson	5 00
Alfred Savage & Son	5 00	Hon. James Skead.....	5 00
Baylis, Wilkes & Co	5 00	Perley & Pattie.....	3 00
Thomas Robertson	5 00	Thomas McKay	3 00
E. N. Green	5 00	Rev. Wm. Moore	2 00
H. Barton	5 00	Blythe & Kerr	2 00
R. Dunn.....	5 00	John Hill	2 00
Hugh McLennan	5 00	James Jarvis	2 00
John McLennan	5 00	John Lamb	2 00
Wm. McDunnough	5 00	P. Young	2 00
"J. D. D."	4 00	D. Scott	1 00
"J. B. L."	4 00	A. Masson	1 00
P. W. Wood	4 00	Elliot & Hamilton.....	1 00
H. Lyman	4 00	John Roberts.....	1 00
Albert B. Savage	4 00	A. Hatch	1 00
J. Baylis.....	4 00	H. J. Hatch	1 00
George W. Moss	4 00	James Angus.....	1 00
"Friend"	4 00	A. J. Stephens	1 00
J. Linton	4 00	J. R. Stitt	1 00
P. D. Browne	3 00	John Leslie	1 00
Cassil, Stinson & Co.....	3 00	James Hope	1 00
H. H. Lyman	3 00	William Fingland.....	1 00
Rev. Dr. Wilkes	3 00	James Buchanan	1 00
G. W. Reid	3 00	Daniel Morrison	1 00
"A friend"	3 00	George Storey	1 00
Alexander Douglas	2 00	R. J. Rodden	1 00
J. Stirling	2 00	Mrs. Brown	1 00
B. Lyman	2 00	A. Mutchmore	1 00
Robert Freeland	2 00	G. Hay	1 00
R. D. Anderson	2 00	J. H. P. Gibson.....	1 00
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D. Pentland	1 00
James Hall	1 00
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W. Jeffery	1 00
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	<u>\$13 95</u>
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